

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 264, Day Operation, 29 June 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 13:26 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Moneglia Railroad Viaduct (M/R: P-402266, sheet 95), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. 27 B-26's were over the target and dropped 107 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target. 1 x 1,000# Demolition Bomb (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) was returned to base after having hung up over the target. Bombs on the target at 15:28 hours from 9,500' to 8,500' on an axis of 30° T. 27 B-26's returned to base at 17:18 hours. No A/C damaged or lost.

C. Results: The target was covered with a good pattern of bombs with principal concentration on the South-East end, scoring several direct hits. One crew member reported that South-East end was seen down after bombing.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.

b. Situation:

None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

15:23 hours Ammunition dump, smoke reaching to 10,000', was seen to blow up at point North of Spezia.

Supplies on pier at Sestri Levante.

RR Bridges up at P-4424 and P-4423.

b. Communications:

20/30 RR cars at Sestri Levante, P-3331.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 2 M/V; 3 other craft in ship building stock; at P-3529, at 15:23 hours.

(2) 1 large barge at P-1938 at 15:26 hours.

(3) 1 LOT and 5 small landing craft at P-3231 at 15:24 hours.

(4) 1 large M/V and 3 small M/V at LA Spezia at 15:20 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered cirrus at 5,000'.

b. Target: CAVU.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Route: Base to rendezvous at Alto; to coast 5 miles South of Sestri Levante; 360° curve to left; to target; breakaway left to coast around Sestri Levante; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #283 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. MACIA June 1944
 "A"

RUNWAY LINE UP

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17 BODIE Hawkins	7 BERGE PLOUCK	11 HELD POLAKOV
8 MULLER Gallagher	5 REEVES Finley	9 BOYCE Summers
22 HUBBARD Stone	3 WILHELM Cocker	18 MALCOLM Sauter
87 STEPHS Dalgue	85 BIRMINGHAM HENDER	80 MATTHEWSON ROBERTS
77 DICKERSON Norden	98 STINGER CLARK	93 MC GUGAN Snehan
86 WELSH Jennie	83 FOWLER Mc Mahon	99 RAMAGE Betanjany
27 GRABOWSKY Hannon	31 DEATLEY SWINDLER	37 HAKONAKI HENDREX
26 DODELIN Chamberlin	25 HOWAN Montez	29 HENSELL Mc Gray
40 GREGG Fuller	45 CLAYBOUGH Stouga	44 ABERNATHY Jacobson
SPRES? 23	MOONWELL Hall	91 WEISK Drevas
		30 KADEN Ward

COLORS OF THE DAY:

RADIO:
 320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

FLARE COLORS
 0200-0800 GREEN & GREEN
 0800-1400 GREEN & GREEN
 1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW
 2000-0200 ORDEM & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800 O W
 0800-1400 P I
 1400-2000 X C
 2000-0200 J N

The following crews participated in the raid of 29 June 1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO. AND TIME OF TAKE OFF & LANDING
BERGE, PILOT, CAPT. 36 PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61 FLOUCK, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt. 49 CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. 42 BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FATA, RADIO, S/Sgt. MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, LT. COL.	441st	07 took off 1328 landed 1718
HELD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52 BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25 POLAKOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 27 HANDTE, NAV. 2nd Lt. 44 O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RADIO, GUST, S/SGT.	441st	11 took off 1328 landed 1718
BODIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49 SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 41 HAWKINS, BOMB. T/SGT. CASEY, ENGINEER, Sgt. MEDINA, RADIO, S/SGT. MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	17 took off 1328 landed 1725
REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47 MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 20 FINLAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8 BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/SGT. METCALF, RADIO, Sgt.	441st	5 took off 1328 landed 1718+
BOYCE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 55 SUMMERS, BOMB. Sgt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HULL, RADIO, T/Sgt.	441st	9 took off 1329 landed 1718+
MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 19 WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22 GALLAGHER, BOMB. Sgt. COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt. DORAN, RADIO, S/SGT. JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	8 took off 1329 landed 1718+
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 35 WACHTER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 46 COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt. LIAS, ENGINEER, S/SGT. MARKUS, RADIO, S/Sgt. IANNOTTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	3 took off 1329 landed 1719
MALCALM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60 WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22 SAUTER, BOMB. Sgt. MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	441st	18 took off 1329 landed 1718

59 HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
25 WIGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1329
STONE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1719
GIGNAC, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT,	444th	85
MC BRIDE, CO PILOT,		landed
NO TAKE OFF		
NO CREDIT		
MATTESON, PILOT, Capt. 52	444th	80
HAMMOND, CO PILOT, Capt. 1		took off 1330
ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 45		landed 1720
DAY, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13		
GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MURPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
STERNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14	444th	87
HISEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17		took off 1330
WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1720
KUHNER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ALEXANDER, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
KING, PHOTO, PVT.		
SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	444th	98
GASSER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 56		took off 1330
CLARK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1720+
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MC GUGAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	444th	93
SMITH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 9		took off 1330
SHEEHAN, BOMB. PFC.		LANDED 1711
LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DUNCAN, OBS. Capt.		
DICKERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48	444th	77
DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 47		took off 1330
RINDEN, BOMB. PFC.		landed 1720+
MONTARULI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KOCH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59	444th	83
WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17		took off 1331
MAC MAHON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16		landed 1721+
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, Lt. 26	444th	99
SCHNEIDER, CO PILOT, Lt. 62		took off 1331
BETENJANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1721+
COOK, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	444th	86
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44		took off 1336
JENCO, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1721+
MESZAR, OBS. Capt.		
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MASON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		

5	DEATLY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31
21	BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1332
	SWINDLER, BOMB. Capt.		landed
57	CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt.		1722
	SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	DANKO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HAKOMAKI, PILOT, Capt. 46	442nd	37
	STEINBACH, CO PILOT, Capt. 2		took off 1332
	HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 37		landed
	TEICH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 11		1722
	UNTERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GRABOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	442nd	27
	WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22		took off 1332
	HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	WALKER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1722
	FORREST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	MIDDLETON, PHOTO,		
	ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	442nd	25
	VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O 22		took off 1332
	MONTEZ, BOMB. 1st Lt. 35		landed
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1723
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HENSELL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 50	442nd	29
	BOREYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22		took off 1332
	MC GRAY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1723
	FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	DODELIN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	442nd	26
	ESTES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off 1332
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1723
	BODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTEN, PHOTO, S/gt.		
	CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	XXXXX	45
	OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22	442nd	took off 1333
	GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19		landed
	MELIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1723+
	JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ABERNATHY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18	442nd	44
	ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 45		took off 1333
	JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
	FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1723+
	FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45	442nd	40
	STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 24		took off 1336
	STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed
	ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GLENDENEN, S/Sgt. RADIO,		1723+
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

SPARES

KADEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 WARD, NAV. 2nd Lt.
 ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.
 DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.

MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50
 TOPFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22
 DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 28
 HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.

SPARES

442nd

no credit.

444th

No credit

441st

SPARES

30

took off 1334
 landed 1530

91

took off 1334
 landed 1531

23

took off 1334
 landed 1720