

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 266, Day Operation, 2 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Dently.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:25 hours, 30 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Borgo Val Di Taro (M/R: P-649596, sheet 84), Italy. 4 B-26's returned early; 1 spare; 1 runaway propeller; 1 engine cutting out; 1 landing gear failed to retract. The a/c with engine cutting out is entitled to a sortie. 26 B-26's were over the target and dropped 104 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target, on three runs, at 10:54 hours, 11:00 hours, and 11:26 hours from 9,000' to 8,000' on axes of 90°T, 105°T, and 235°T. (8 A/C bombed on the 1st run, 9 A/C bombed on the 2nd run, and 9 A/C bombed on third run). 23 B-26's returned to base at 12:45 hours. 3 A/C landed at Corsica for gas.

C. Results: First Squadron hit on West end, second Squadron hit in the center, and the third Squadron hit on the East approach in excellent patterns, scoring eight direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided escort.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Ronaglia Railroad Bridges damaged.
- (2) Bridge at P-4224 is up.
- (3) Bridge damaged at P-1342.
- (4) Railroad line cut at P-1044.

b. Communications:

- (1) 40 Railroad cars at Pontremoli.
- (2) 20 Railroad cars at Val Di Taro.
- (3) 5/7 M/T moving North at Pontremoli at 10:50 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 2 large, 6 small barges at San Margherita at 10:45 hours.
- (2) 2 barges at Sestri Levante at 10:45 hours.
- (3) 6 barges just south of Rosco at 10:45 hours.
- (4) 1 cruiser at La Spezia at 11:28 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Weather: CAVU to Corsica; haze; visibility 8-10 miles over water.

b. Clouds: 4-6/10ths lowering cumulus, base 5,000', tops 10-11,000'; target open.

c. Direction: As enroute.

E. Route and Altitudes: Base to rendezvous at Alto; to coast at Rocca; to Anagnina; to target (2nd Squadron circled to left for second run; 3rd Squadron circled to the left, passed over target, circled to right for second run; 1st Squadron dropped on the first run); breakaway left to coast at Anagnina; to base.

F. Comments: The additional runs made by this group over the target, were made because of the clouds around the target.

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MISSION # 285

FLIGHT COMMANDER: 2 JULY 1944

## RUNWAY LINE UP

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YOUNG  
60 Sherman"A"  
CAUDILL  
70 STRICKLANDHUNTER  
64 LOKANLYDAY  
51 Avery"B"  
NELSON  
53 StorickMORIN  
56 HenrySMITHWICK  
71 Brown"C"  
BARKER  
66 AdamsWIRKKALA  
65 PutmanWACHTER  
22 Gallagher"D"  
ROBBINS  
23 TAPPSMITH  
4 VESSELLSWILLIAMS  
8 Cocker"E"  
CORNELIUS  
14 DillWILSON  
1 SummersHUBBARD  
17 Stone"F"  
MERRILL  
21 MacIlvennaMEYERS  
18 HawkinsMACBRIDE  
91 Betenjeny"G"  
PETERS  
98 POWERSTAMM  
80 BARNARDICHUNIS  
76 Weynberg"H"  
GASSER  
89 JenkoMUMMALIE  
77 BrownSINGER  
81 Bennett"I"  
FOWLER  
99 SheehanSTERN  
78 ShingleMARSCH  
93 ClarkSPARES  
LOMB  
63 WestfallKIUG  
20 Vicha

\*\*\*\*\* RADIO CALL SIGNS \*\*\*\*\*

\* 320th GROUP  
\* "TOPNOTCH"

\* FIGHTERS

\* "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS."

\* CHANNEL "A"

GROUND SPARES

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\* COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 2 JULY 1944.

\* time FLARE COLORS  
\* 0200-0800 GREEN & YELLOW  
\* 0900-1400 RED & YELLOW

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 2 July 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	443rd	70
OFFERMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0825
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 37		landed 1245
TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 39		
BOWLES, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEATLEY, 1st Lt. FLIGHT COMMANDER		
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. 53	443rd	64
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		took off 0825
LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 23		landed 1245
DORE, NAV. 1st Lt. 43		
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YOUNG, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 37	443rd	60
WEST, CO PILOT, Capt. 4		took off 0825
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1210
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MAC DONALD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, PVT.		
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	443rd	53
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 50		took off 0825
STORICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10		landed 1216
LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32	443rd	56
TEAG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 0825
HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1246
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	443rd	51
HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0825
AMERY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1246
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLTON, PHOTO,		
BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	443rd	66
BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61		took off 0826
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 31		landed 1247
HARROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COUSINS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
price, sgt.		
WIRKKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 27	443rd	65
REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 55		took off 0826
PUTNAM, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1247
EBLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROMIG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO,		

SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	443rd	71
NICOU, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25		took off 0826
BROWN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1245
PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WATER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HOOD, I, S/Sgt.		
ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. 52	441st	23
MUELLER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 20		took off 0826
TAPP, BOMB. 1st Lt. 44		landed 1248
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 25		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, PILOT, Capt. 44	441st	04
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 29		took off 0826
VESSELLS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 52		landed 1248
PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. 16		
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46	441st	22
LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20		took off 0831
GALLAGHER, BOMB.		landed 1248
COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MICHAELSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	441st	14
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		took off 0827
DILL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 29		landed 1248
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RENCEHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WILSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 56	441st	01
BOYCE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 44		took off 0827
SUMMERS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1248
TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36	441st	8
WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		took off 0827
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1248
LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
IANNOTTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MERRILL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23	441st	21
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 42		took off 0828
MC ILLVENNA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1250
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 21	441st	18
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23		took off 0828
HAWKINS, BOMB.		landed 1250
MAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44	441st	17
ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 44		took off 0828
STONE, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1015
GIGNAC, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.	KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	RANDOLPH, CAPT. FLT. SURGEON,	

*no credit*

53 PETERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59	444th	98
MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 59		took off 0828
POWERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 43		landed 1309
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 44		
WYMER, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
BURTT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TOWNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50	444th	80
WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19		took off 0828
BERNARDI, BOMB. 1st Lt. 41		landed 1309
WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 16		80
KUCZAM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ENGLEHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC BRIDE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	444th	91
SCHNIEDER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 43		took off 0828
BETEN JANY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1309
KUHNE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MC GOWAN, PHOTO, PFC.		
GASSER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	444th	89
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0829
JENCO, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1430
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NUNNALLEE, PILOT, Capt. 28	444th	77
HAMMOND, CO PILOT, Capt. 3		took off 0829
BROWN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1430
BAUER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CRONIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CHUNIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 30	444th	76
MCWAK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 42		took off 0829
WEYENBURG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 0915
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
FOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	444th	99
DEMETREE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 49		took off 0830
SHEESHAN, BOMB. PFC.		landed 1310
COCOLA, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEARNS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16	444th	78
HISEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19		took off 0830
SHINGLE, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1310
LEONARD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
PERRY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
BAUCHIER, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		

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SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>52</sup>	444th	81
RAMAGE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 27		took off 0830
BENNETT, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1310
HENRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LAUGH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STALCUP, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DUNCAN, X, CAPT.		
SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<i>no credits</i>	took off 0831
WESTFALL, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1032
LAMOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GLOWATCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
K LUG, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>25</sup>	441st	20
ARMSDORFF, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off 0831
VICHA, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1250
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BRATTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>50</sup>	444th	93
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 21		took off 0831
CLARK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1430
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		