

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 268, Day Operation, 5-6 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Colonel Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 2015 hours, 14 B-26's took off to bomb Oil Storage between Savona and Vado Ligure, Italy (E/9, TC 4-102-NA). No B-26's returned early. 14 B-26's were over the target and 10 dropped 80 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .01 second delay fuses) on the target, and 2 dropped 16 x 500 lb demolition bombs on fuel storage at K/14-15 (TC 4-102-NA) at 2222 hours from 8,000' to 7,500' on an axis of 330 degrees. 16 x 500 lb demolition bombs were salvaged (8 in the target area, having hung up; 8 because a/c did not identify the target). 14 B-26's returned to base at 2400 hours.

C. RESULTS: Bombs are believed to have landed NW of the target with some possible hits.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: None.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General:
 1. 2 lights at Alassio at 2227 hours.
 2. 3 lights on ship between Corsica and mainland at 2245 hours.
 3. 1 light flashed white 4 times south of Noli at 2226 hours.
 4. Fire burning at K14/15, TC 4-102-NA) at 2222 hours.

b. Communications: None.

c. Flak:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Int</u>	<u>Type Flak</u>	<u>Accuracy</u>		<u>Type Fire</u>	<u>Position-Comments</u>
			<u>Def</u>	<u>Alt.</u>		
Target	M	H	A	A	Barrage & C.P.	4 H. at G/10 (TC 4-102-NA). 4 H. at F/8. 4 H. at E/10. 4 H. at I/1. 5 H. north of hill West of Savona. 1 H. at E/15.

The pattern of bursts indicated definite aiming. Only 4 bursts encountered on first run. One cherry-red rocket was seen but did not burst.

- d. Shipping:
 1. Possibly 3-4 boats near shore moving south at Noli at 2227 hours.
 2. 1 medium M/V anchored off shore at Finale Ligure at 2228 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 4 to flak.

4. Weather: Enroute: Few scattered cumulus at 5,000' over water.
Target: Clear.
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTE AND ALTITUDES: Base to Porto Torre; to NW tip of Corsica to Gallinaria; to 15 miles off coast of Vado Ligure, to target; 360° turn to left; second run, axis 390°; breakaway left; to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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SPECIAL NIGHT MISSION: FLIGHT COMMANDER: JOL FLETCHER:
5 July 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP

	NA#	
	<u>RITCHIE</u>	CLARK
	64 STINDLER	
	<u>WIRKOLA</u>	CHUBBIE
52	52 Brown	70 WHEELER
64		56 Szafir
70	WB#	
	<u>WEEKS</u>	
	55 STRICKLAND	
	<u>HANEL</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
69	69 Snider	71 Tyson
55		
71	NC#	
	NELSON	
	58 BLANCH	
	<u>MACKINNON</u>	<u>LYDAY</u>
65	65 Sherman	70 Wagar
56		51 Straka
51	WD#	
	<u>BERGE</u>	
	2 VESSELLS	
	<u>HIPPLE</u>	<u>WACHTER</u>
23	1 MacLennan	23 Vicha
2		
1		
	SPARES	
	<u>HILD</u>	<u>HILL</u>
68	11 POLAKOV	68 Henry
11		
	GROUND SPARES	
	(16)	(62)

RADIO CALL SIGNS

320TH BOMB GROUP
"TOPNOTCH"
CHANNEL "A"

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 5 JULY 1944

TIME	FLAME COLORS
0200-0800	YELLOW & YELLOW
0800-1400	RED & GREEN
1400-2000	RED & RED RED
2000-0200	YELLOW & YELLOW

AIDS LAMP SIGNALS.

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	G	V
0800-1400	P	N
1400-2000	X	I
2000-0200	L	G

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 5 JULY (NIGHT MISSION)

CREWS	SQUADRON	SHIP NO. AND TO. TIME.
Ritchie, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48	443rd	64
Goodwin, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48 59		Took off 2015
Swindler, Bombardier, Captain,		Landed 2400
Underwood, Navigator, 1st Lt. 41		
Jones, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Turatti, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Teeters, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Fletcher, Flight Commander, Colonel.		
Clark, Pilot, 1st Lt. 31	442rd	56
Woodhurst, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 27		Took off 2015
Szafir, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 2400
Barry, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marsteller, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Cox, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Wirkkala, Pilot, 1st Lt. 29	443rd	52
Tims, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 6-8		Took off 2015
Brown, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 2400
Ellis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Romig, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hood, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Weeks, Pilot, 1st Lt. 44	443rd	55
West, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 39		Took off 2015 1/2
Strickland, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 38		Landed 2400
Brooks, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 17		
Park, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Calafut, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Avery, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Speed, Pilot, 1st Lt. 29	443rd	71
Van Keuran, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 31		Took off 2015 1/2
Tyson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 2400
Troutman, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Talsky, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Furtz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Hamel, Pilot, 1st Lt. 23	443rd	69
Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 29		Took off 2015 1/2
Snider, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 2400
Blackwell, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Traweck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Mackinnon, Pilot, Captain, 44	443rd	70
Kolar, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52		Took off 2016
Wagar, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 43		Landed 2410
Hobel, Navigator, 1st Lt. 52		
Chandler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Putman, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Giles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		

Lower Pilot 1st Lt.

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO AND TO.
Lyday, Pilot, 1st Lt. 51 Reynolds, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 56 Straka, Bombardier, S/sgt. Volosky, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Lafferty, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Flajnik, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	51 Took off 2016 Landed 2410
Ayrey, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 24 Moran, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 33 Sharmen, Bombardier, S/sgt. Luper, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Salyati, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	65 Took off 2016 Landed 2410
Berge, Pilot, Captain, 37 Boyce, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 45 Vesselle, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 53 Eibson, Navigator, Captain, 26 Trebenda, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Breznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Fata, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	2 Took off 2016 Landed 2410
Wachter, Pilot, 1st Lt. 47 Pesek, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 37 Hawkins, Bombardier, T/sgt. Coppler, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Lannhauser, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Lannotta, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Hays, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Rosenthal, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	441st	23 Took off 2016 Landed 2416
Hipple, Pilot, 1st Lt. 21 Klug, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 27 McIlvanna, Bombardier, S/sgt. Hill, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Fraser, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Leutholt, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Metcalf, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	441st	1 Took off 2016 Landed 2410
SPARES.		
Held, Pilot, 1st Lt. 54 Wigginton, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 27 Polakov, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 39 Perfetto, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 17 O'Dell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tipton, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Christanson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	11 Took off, 2017 Landed 2420
Hill, Pilot, 1st Lt. 30 West, Captain, Co, Pilot, 6 Henry, Bombardier, S/sgt. Terrell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Maier, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mele, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	68 Took off 2017 Landed 2424