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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (A),
Officer of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 650

Intelligence Narrative No. 27. Day Operation, 7 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (A).

B. At 0600 hours, 36 B-26's took off to bomb Collesio Fuel Dump, Area number 3 (M/A: L-0078, sheet 73). 3 B-26's returned early, which were spares. 33 B-26's were over the target and 26 B-26's dropped 510 x 100 lb demolition bombs (instantaneous and .025 second delay fuses) and 7 B-26's dropped 139 x 100 lb incendiary bombs on the target at 0824 hours from 11,000' to 10,500' on an axis of 55°. 1 x 100 lb incendiary bomb was salvaged over water, having hung up. 31 B-26's returned to base at 1018 hours; 2 B-26's landed at Ghisonaccia Corsica for fuel and returned to base late at 1129 hours.

C. RESULTS: All bombs landed in the target area, with at least 8 large fires and several explosions. 2 A/T was hit in the target area.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activities: Spitfires and P-47's provided escort.
2 unidentified S/E A/C flying at 8,000' SE just off Sestri Levante at 0837 hours.

b. Situations: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: 1. Explosions; smoke from another group's bombing reached 10,000', and entire target area was covered by all groups bombing at 0824 hours.

2. Damaged factory at P-6151.
3. Damaged RR bridge at P-3927.
4. Damaged RR bridge at P-6352.
5. Damaged RR bridge at P-9292.
6. Road bridge out at P-7574.
7. Approaches to Berge Val di Torre RR bridge, P-6352 being repaired.

b. Communications:

1. 300 plus RR cars at Parma.
2. 60 RR cars from P-8289 to P-8993.
3. 10 RR cars at Sestri Levante, P-3332.
4. 20/25 M/T moving SE at P-6068 at 0831 hours.
5. One crew reported 25 M/T moving SE at P-5951 at 1029.
6. 10 M/T moving SW at P-9557 at 0817 hours.
7. 50 RR cars at L-0089.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 1. 3 LCI and 7 small craft at Sestri Levante, P-3332

2. On beach at P-3429, two small craft at 0814 hours.
3. At P-1938, 2/3 barges at 0813 hours.
4. Scattered shipping craft along the coast at 0813 hr.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Enroute, clear with haze.
Target: Clear but hazy.
Return: Cumulus building.

5. ROUTE: Base to rendezvous with escort in Corsica; to landfall at Moneglia; to target; breakaway left to Borgo; to coast at Moneglia; to base.

7. COMMENTS: None.

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MISSION #290

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. SAYLOR

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	98	BILLING		80	MATTESON
81	MC BRIDE	WHITE		81	GRABITZ
	94	WILLER		76	CONNOR
95	BRESENAS	WILSON			Weyenberg
	Drevas	77	WALLACE		
	86	FLACKTER		79	CHUMIS
78	WEITER	Jenco			Ryan
	91	LARSCH			
		Gleason			
	21	ROBBINS		4	REEVES
10	FESEK	TAPP			VESTSELIS
	7	WILHELM		18	MUELLER
16	WIGGINTON	Chevalier			Cheucci
	Reader	2	TRUNK		
			O'Connell		
	14	HIPPLE		8	NOLD
6	KLUG	Gravey			Kwiatkowsky
	Lac Ilvenna	9	BODIE		
			Fenkava		
	37	WENDLING		30	HARTE
27	MC CAY	PRESTONE			WARD
	Harmon				
	25	NORMAN		38	ESTES
26	TAYLOR	Poggio			Cohen
	Fuller	29	ARMSTRONG		
			McGraw		
	39	Y. L. L.		39	GREGG
47	HODGES	WATTS			Friend
	Chamberlin	4	GRUBOWSKI		
			Whitick		

SEA RES: 08 GEBER 11 TOMLIN 20 BEDWAZ 45 BERNARD
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COLORS OF THE DAY:
 0200-0600 GREEN & YELLOW
 0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW
 1400-2000 RED & YELLOW
 2000-0200 GREEN & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
 CHALLENGE REPLY
 0200-0800 C B
 0800-1400 F I
 1400-2000 J O
 2000-0200 D S

RADIO: 320th TOPNOTCH
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
 319th MEATBALL
 Escort MEATBALL FIGHTERS
 17th BIGSAM
 Escort BIGSAM FIGHTERS

Channel "4"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 7 JULY 1944.

Crews	Squadron	Plane number.
Dilling, Pilot, Captain, 42 Nowak, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 62 White, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 49 Deacy, Navigator, 1st Lt. 45 Cook, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Visconti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Humphrey, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Saylor, Captain, Flight commander.	444th	98 Took off 0600 Landed 1019
Matteson, Pilot, Captain, 53 Morgenstern, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 59 Glaubitz, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 30 Michels, Navigator, 1st Lt. 49 Guiffre, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Steen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Robinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. King, Aerial photographer, pvt.	444th	88 Took off 0600 Landed 1019
McBride, Pilot, 1st Lt. 54 Dawkins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1 Dziedzic, Bombardier, S/sgt. McQuarrie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Paul, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Duncan, Observer, Captain, (English)	444th	81 took off 0600 Landed 1019
Reeder, Pilot, 1st Lt. 41 Jones, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 47 Williams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 13 Wymer, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Feinberg, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Field, aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	94 Took off 0600½ Landed 1020
Connor, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52 Ramage, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 29 Weynberg, Bombardier, Sgt. Carney, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. McElmurry, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Estrada, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	76 Took off 0600½ Landed 1020
Bresette, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16 Stearns, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 18 Drevas, Bombardier, Sgt. Dyrcz, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Lauth, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Moskowitz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Clites, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	444th	95 Took off 0600½ Landed <i>John Paton</i>
Nunnallee, Pilot, Captain, 29 Demetree, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 50 Cairns, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 1 Khune, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Campbell, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Alexander, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	77 Took off 0600½ Landed 1018

Plackter, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48	444th	86
Smith, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 11		Took off 0601
F Jenco, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 1020+
Staton, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Ivey, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Figgott, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Chunis, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 33	444th	79
W Viebrock, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 7		Took off 0601
Ryan, Bombardier, pvt.		Landed 1020+
Hendricks, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Brown, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Weier, Pilot, 1st Lt. 54	444th	78
Catalano, Co, Pilot, F/O 1		Took off 0601
W Crape, Bombardier, T sgt.		Landed 1020+
Bauer, Engineer gunner,		
Spears, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
George, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Marsch, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52	444th	91
W Kreuzer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 24		Took off 0601
Gleason, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1020
Johnson, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Englehardt, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Koch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Robbins, Pilot, Captain, 54	441st,	21
F West, Co, Pilot, A. L. 2nd Lt. 63		Took off 0601½
Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 46		Landed 1022
Thurston, Navigator, 1st Lt. 54		
Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spieß, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tompkin, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Reaves, Pilot, 1st Lt. 50	441st,	4
W McGurdy, Co, Pilot, F/O 1		Took off 0601½
Ves'sells, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 54		Landed 1022
Cassino, Navigator, 1st Lt. 44		
Harrison, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Forbes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Rockabrand, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Peske, Pilot, 1st Lt. 36	441st,	10
W McGregor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2		Took off 0601½
Murry, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 1		Landed 1022
Hill, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Yannotta, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		

	Wilhelm, Pilot, 1st Lt. 37	441st	7	Took off: 0602½
	Lazo, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 23			Landed 10227
F	Chavalas, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 33			
	Barton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Michaelson, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
	Bratton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
	Mueller, Pilot, 1st Lt. 21	441st	18	Took off 0602½
	Evans, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1			Landed 1011
W	Chelucci, Bombardier, Sgt.			
	Mears, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Snow, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Profos, Aerial gunner, pl.			
	Wigginton, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 25	441st	18	Took off 0602½
	Wiginton, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 28			Landed 1011
W	Meador, Bombardier, Pfc.			
	Booth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Hoffman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Hughes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
	La Forest, Aerial photographer, Sgt.			
	Trunk, Pilot, 1st Lt. 54	441st	2	Took off 0602½
	Heeron, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2			Landed 1022
W	O'Connell, Bombardier, P/O 1			
	Barron, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Gaunt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
	Hays, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
	Hipple, Pilot, 1st Lt. 22	441st	14	Took off 0603
F	Myers, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 23			Landed 1023
	Barvey, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 9			
	Fernandez, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Westbrook, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
	Tufte, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
	Nold, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48	441st	8	Took off 0603
W	Scott, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2			Landed 1023
	Kwiatkowski Bombardier, S/sgt.			
	Acerro, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Doran, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
	Gust, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
	Klpg, Pilot, 1st Lt. 28	441st	6	Took off 0603
W	Wiggins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 25			Landed 1023
	McIlvanna, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
	Licker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
	Loutholt, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
	Metcalf, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
	Bodie, Pilot, 1st Lt. 51	441st	9	Took off 0603½
W	Lewis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1			Landed
	Penkava Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 1			
	Tessum, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
	Thannhauser, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
	Stipe, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

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Wendling, Pilot, 1st Lt. 55 442nd
Welschen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1
Freestone, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 64
Pincomb, Navigator, 1st Lt. 47
Ellsworth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Hughes, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Marvick, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

37
Took off 0604
Landed 1024

Harte, Pilot, 1st Lt. 49 442nd
Wells, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 18
Ward, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 18
Boyne, Navigator, 1st Lt. 57
King, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Knauer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Bentley, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

30
Took off 0604
Landed 1024

McKay, Pilot, 1st Lt. 49 442nd
Mooney, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2
Harmon, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Fitzgearld, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Ratts, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Peck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Middleton, Aerial photographer, Sgt.

27
Took off ~~0604~~ 0604
Landed 1024

Rowan, Pilot, 1st Lt. 51 442nd
McLoughlin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2
Maggio, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 45
Manning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Blum, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Ruth, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

25
Took off 0605 1/2
Landed 1024 +

Estes, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 11 442nd
McGomber, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2
Cohen Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 1
McGurley, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Savannotti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

38
Took off 0605 1/2
Landed 1024 +

Taylor, Pilot, 1st Lt. 55 442nd
Thornton, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 51
Fuller, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Howard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Milliman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Field, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Colten, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.

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Took off 0605 1/2
Landed 1024 +

Armstrong, Pilot, 1st Lt. 49 442nd
Hensell, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 53
McCray, Bombardier, Sgt.
Huston, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Forest, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Kane, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

29
Took off 0605 1/2
Landed 1029

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Kaden, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵² 442nd
Allen, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ³²
F Burns, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹⁴
O'Neal, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Cooney, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Lawrence, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

33
Took off 0607
Landed 1025

Gregg, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁴⁵ 442nd
W Rayfield, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹
Friend, Bombardier, S/sgt.
W Margolis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

39
Took off 0607
Landed 1025

Hodges, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁸ 442nd
King, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁶⁰
W Chamberlin, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Putman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Stromboli, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Rodgers, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Moore, Radio . S/sgt.

47
Took off 0607
Landed 1025

Grabowski, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁴ 442nd
Caster, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁷
W Hernick, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹
Rochester, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Danko, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Turner, Aerial photographer S/sgt.
Moore, Radio Operator, S/sgt.

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Took off 0607
Landed 1025

SPARS.

Barnard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd
LaChasse, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Younes, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Peard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Wasacz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hoye, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

45
Took off 0609
Landed 0845

Early

Toffer, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st
Grala, Co, Pilot, F/O
Summers, Bombardier, Sgt.
Fulk, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Kramer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Medina, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

11
Took off 0609
Landed 0810

Early

Bednarz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st
Pratt, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Stone, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Coppler, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Steigenhofer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Clark, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

20
Took off 0609
Landed 0818

Early
TIRE BLEW
gear collapsed
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