

2-20th Bombardment Group (M)

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 272, Day Operation, 7 July 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:30 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge at Ronco Scrivia (W/R: 0-996716, Sheet 82), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early because they were spares. 18 B-26's were over the target on two runs. (The first Squadron of 9 A/C was not in position to drop on the first run and made a second run). 18 B-26's dropped 69 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 a .01 second delay fuses) on the target. 3 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were salvoed over water, not having been dropped over the target due to personnel error. Bombs on the target at 18:43 hours and 18:53 hours from 10,500' to 10,000' on Axes of 120°T and 272°T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 20:40 hours.

C. Results: The target was missed. The bombs of the first Squadron landed South of the bridge and those of the second Squadron landed North of it.

D. Observations:

1. Airs:

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

2. Ground:

a. General: Hospital at Ascoli, 0-6381.
b. Communications: 1. From 0-7575 to 0-4450, 70 HR calls.
2. From 0-9384 to 0-9866, 400 HR calls.
3. From Albenga to 0-4824, 50 HR calls.
4. At 0-9289, 15 H/T moving north at 1840 hours.

c. Links:

Dogoleotto S L I A 20mm From hill N of amphitheatre.

d. Shipping: At 0-3812, 2 large barges at 1832 hours.
At 0-6199, 6 large barges at 1856 hours.
At Genoa, one aircraft carrier at 1857 hours.

e. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

f. Weather: Enroute: Few scattered cumulus east of Corsica.

Return: As enroute

Target: Clear but hazy.

E. ROUTES: Base to rendezvous in Corsica; to La Maddalena; to Priolo; to Roccaverne; to IP, Cossiga; first run 25° T breakaway right, 180° turn; second run, axis 272° T, breakaway left to Dogoleotto; to base (second squadron broke right after first run, to Chiavari; to base).

F. Comments: The first mission for day (No. 271) correct figure of demolition bombs dropped is 520 instead of 510.

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MISSION #291 ELICOTTER: LT. COL. MCCL. July 1944
RUNWAY LINE UP

54	62	ACKERMAN
62	54 STINSON	MC GINTREY
51	Storick	HACKINSON
		MAGAR
68	55 HENKS	
55	68 VAN KEUREN	Strickland
56	Brown	MORAN
		Henry
65	63 CLARK	
63	65 KOLAR	Adams
53	Snider	WOODMURST
		Putnam
46	45 HAKOLINKI	* Thom
45	46 BAKER, J. J.	HENDERSON
43	Marlan	HARPFSTER
		OHLSTED
16	11 HERMIL	
11	6 WILSON	FINDLAY
6	Ferrandino	BOYCE
		Voldmer
76	86 G. S. R	
86	91 SINN	Betenjany
91	Sheehan	ROUND
	SHARFST - 70 MILL -	SHingle
70	3 IRNSDORFF	
3	Manga	Vicha
	COLORS TO THE L.Y	
		WHITE: COLORS
	0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW
	1400-2000	RED & YELLOW
	2000-0200	GREEN & YELLOW
		ALDIS LIGHT SIGNALS
CHANNEL "A"	CHALLENGE	REPLY
	0800-1400	F
	1400-2000	J
	2000-0200	D
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		S

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

CHANNEL "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 7 JULY 1944
 MISSION # 291

P.	ACKERMAN, L.S., Capt.	48	443	A/C # 62
CP.	WEST, H.W., 1st Lt.	40		T/O: 1620
B.	MC CARTNEY, B., 2nd Lt.	39		L: 2051
N.	SCHWARTZ, I., 1st Lt.	41		
E.	JUST, H.L., S/Sgt.			
R.	CALLAHAN, F.L., T/Sgt.			
G.	MENSCH, R.L., S/Sgt.			
FLIGHT COMMANDER: Lt. Col. J. H. MACIA, JR.				
P.	MAC KINNON, J. S., Capt.	48	443	A/C # 51
CP.	YOUNG, H. S. B., 1st Lt.	30		T/O: 1620
B.	WAGAR, 1st Lt.	44		L: 2051
N.	DORE, 1st Lt.	44		
E.	BLACKWELL, J. P., Sgt.			
R.	GILES, T/Sgt.			
G.	GRIEWANK, R.J., S/Sgt.			
P.	STINSON, P. C., 1st Lt.	57	443	A/C # 54
CP.	WEST, A.B., Capt.	7		T/O: 1620
B.	STORICK, H., 2nd Lt.	11		L: 2051
E.	HARROLD, J.A., T/Sgt.			
R.	LAFFERTY, P. H., T/Sgt.			
G.	GRIFFIN, L. T., S/Sgt.			
P.	WEEKS, W.L., 1st Lt.	45	443	A/C # 55
CP.	WEINGART, H.V., 2nd Lt.	1		T/O: 1620 plus
B.	RITTER, L. K., 2nd Lt.	12		L: 2051+
E.	PARK, M. J., S/Sgt.			
R.	CALAFUT, S., T/Sgt.			
G.	AVERY, M., S/Sgt.			
P.	MORAN, E.C., 1st Lt.	37	443	A/C # 56
CP.	TIMM, E. A., 1st Lt.	59		T/O: 1620 plus
B.	HENRY, O. R., S/Sgt.			L: 2051+
E.	TROUTMAN, J. J., S/Sgt.			
R.	TALSKY, E., S/Sgt.			
G.	PURTZ, E. P., S/Sgt.			
P.	VAN KRUREN, H. E., 2nd Lt.	443	2	A/C # 68
CP.	SPEED, W.M., 1st Lt.	30		T/O: 1620 plus
B.	BROWN, P., Sgt.			L: 2051+
E.	LUPER, E. D., S/Sgt.			
R.	SALAVITI, L., S/Sgt.			
G.	HANSEN, D., S/Sgt.			
F.	DRAPER, S/Sgt.			

P.	CLARK, N. B., 1st Lt.	3443	A/C # 63
CP:	ZOELLER, A. J., 2nd Lt.	2	T/O: 1621
F.	B. ADAMS, R., 2nd Lt.	53	L: 2052
	E. BARRY, E. T., S/Sgt.		
	R. MARSTELLAR, C. L., S/Sgt.		
	G. COX, W. T., S/Sgt.		
P.	WOODHURST, R. S., 2nd Lt.	443-20	A/C # 53
CP:	WIRKALLA, 1st Lt.	30	T/O: 1621
V	B. PUTNAM, J. A., S/Sgt.		L: 2052
	E. ELLIS, S. W., S/Sgt.		
	R. ROMIG, J. A., S/Sgt.		
	G. HOOD, J. T., S/Sgt.		
	F. ROSENTHAL, M. M., Sgt.		
P.	KOLAR, A. M., 1st Lt.	53443	A/C # 65
CP:	DUGAN, D. R., 1st Lt.	52	T/O: 1621
W	B. SNIDER, A. E., S/Sgt.		L: 2052
	E. GORMAN, J. S., Cpl.		
	R. COONS, H. L., T/Sgt.		
	G. PRICE, R. D., S/Sgt.		
P.	HAKOMAKI, Capt.	48	A/C # 45
CP:	ZEILERBACH, 2nd Lt.	34	T/O: 1621 plus
B.	HENDRIX, 2nd Lt.	40	L: 2040
N.	MENNAUGH, 1st Lt.	36	
E.	UNDERWOOD, S/Sgt.		
R.	MALBURNE, S/Sgt.		
G.	SPANGLER, S/Sgt.		
F.	THOMLEY, Cpl.		
P.	HARPSTER, 1st Lt.	46	A/C # 43
CP:	STEINBACH, Capt.	57	T/O: 1621 plus
W	B. OLMASTED, 1st Lt.	47	L: 2044
N.	KING, A. E., 1st Lt.	43	
E.	PEARD, S/Sgt.		
R.	PASTORAK, Sgt.		
G.	HALL, S/Sgt.		
P.	BAKER, J. J., 2nd Lt.	23442	A/C # 46
CP:	ROBERTSON, 1st Lt.	47	T/O: 1621 plus
V	B. HARLAN, S/Sgt.		L: 2040
E.	ELLAS, S/Sgt.		
R.	ABERNATHY, Sgt.		
G.	JOHNSON, W. D., S/Sgt.		
F.	FRANK, Cpl.		
P.	MERRILL, E. G., 1st Lt.	44126	A/C # 11
CP:	TOFFER, M. E., 2nd Lt.	26	T/O: 1622
F.	B. FINDLAY, R. C., 2nd Lt.	10	L: 2041
E.	CASEY, E. D., Sgt.		
R.	CARLISLE, C. O., S/Sgt.		
G.	TRAPP, O. A., S/Sgt.		

P. BOYCE, L.L. Q	1st Lt.	441	47	A/C # 16 T/O: 1622 L: 2041
CP. TORONGO, E. R.,	2nd Lt.	2		
W B. VOLLMER, C.L.,	2nd Lt.	2		
E. CULLIVER, V. R.,	S/Sgt.			
R. COOK, M. G.,	Sgt.			
G. FRANK, J. P.,	S/Sgt.			
P. WILSON, R. V.,	2nd Lt.	441	58	A/C # 06 T/O: 1622 L: 2041
CP. GRALA, E. J.,	F/O.	2		
W B. FERNANDO, V.,	2nd Lt.	2		
E. TREBENDA, S.,	T/Sgt.			
R. MOORE, W. B.,	S/Sgt.			
G. MOORE, W. E.,	Jr., S/Sgt.			
F. MADDOCKS, G. E.,	S/Sgt.			
P. ARNSDORFF, R. L.,	2nd Lt.	441		A/C # 03 T/O: 1622 L: 1904
CP. JUNKINS, H. C.,	2nd Lt.	2		
W B. VICHIA, E. W.,	Sgt.		SPARE	
E. FULK, D. E.,	S/Sgt.			
R. RENZEHAUSEN, H. S.,	S/Sgt.			
G. VOSLER, W. L.,	Sgt.			
P. GASSER, W. V.,	1st Lt.	444	60	A/C # 86 T/O: 1622 plus L: 2042
CP. WILSON, R. A.,	1st Lt.	54		
F B. BETANJANY, Sgt.				
E. GOLDIE, R. D.,	T/Sgt.			
R. CRONIN, J. F.,	S/Sgt.			
G. MALONE, D. F.,	S/Sgt.			
P. ROUND, D. W.,	1st Lt.	444		A/C # 76 T/O: 1622 plus L: 2042
CP. DAWKINS, E. G.,	2nd Lt.	2		
W B. SHINGLE, R. H.,	T/Sgt.			
E. KUCZMA, J. J.,	S/Sgt.			
R. WOOD, C. J.,	S/Sgt.			
G. POLAND, E. J.,	Sgt.			
R. ROSS, J. L.,	S/Sgt.			
P. DICKERSON, R. L.,	1st Lt.	444	57	A/C # 91 T/O: 1622 plus L: 2042
CP. WALDROP, R. T.,	2nd Lt.	2		
B. SHEEHAN, A.,	Sgt.			
E. COCCOLO, J. V.,	T/Sgt.			
R. FAUCHIER, J. F.,	T/Sgt.			
G. CLARKE, W. H.,	S/Sgt.			
R. STALCUP, F. W.,	S/Sgt.			
P. HILL, P. R.,	1st Lt.	443		A/C # 70 T/O: 1623 L: 1844
CP. VANDERBURG, J. S.,	2nd Lt., (442)			
B. MIAZGA, J. F.,	2nd Lt.			
E. LARKIN, D. L.,	S/Sgt.		SPARE	
R. WAGNER, C. E.,	S/Sgt.			
G. AUSTAD, Q. D.,	S/Sgt.			