

HEADQUARTERS 327th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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APO 43

Intelligence Narrative No. 299, Day Operation 6 Aug. 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Dentley.

A. 327th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At <sup>0658</sup> 1158 hours 48 B-26's took off to bomb Turenne RR Bridge (M/R: 2-06065, sheet 130, GUS 4249). 1 B-26 crashed on take-off and was destroyed; crew safe. 4 B-26's returned early; 2 spares; 1 generator out; 1 engine cutting out. 25 B-26's were over the target and 31 B-26's dropped 12 1/2 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/20, .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 1205 hours from 9,500' to 9,000' on an axis of 30° E. 3 B-26's dropped 12 bombs of window over the target ahead of the formation at 1202 hours. 4 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area having hung up over the target. 26 B-26's returned to base at 1255 hours; 7 B-26's returned late at 1320 hours after landing at Alghero or Ajaccio for fuel; 1 B-26 in a Alghero for fuel; 1 B-26 crash landed in Corsica; reason unknown; crew safe.

C. ~~RESULTS~~ The east and end approaches and west approaches covered with 2/3 probable direct hits on the east end of the bridge. Part of the bombs cut the west end of the road bridge just north of the target.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

a. ~~AIR~~ Air Activity: 1. No fires from Corsica provided general escort.

2. 1 1/2 unidentified A/C, above formation and to the rear at 15,000' at landfall at 0950 hours seen firing rockets; no bursts were seen among our a/c.

b. Navigation: All L/C's appeared empty along route appeared empty.

2. Ground:

a. General: 1. Several gun revetments, without guns at mouth of Petit Rhone River.

- 2. Supply dump 1 mile SE of St. Gilles.
- 3. Several pill-boxes on E. bank of mouth of Rhone River.
- 4. RR Bridge at Arles cut after 319th Group attack.
- 5. Active factory at Fourques.

b. Communications:

- 1. 200 RR cars at Turenne.
- 2. 300 RR cars at Arles.
- 3. 150 RR cars at Nizza.
- 4. 50 RR cars at Bussiere.
- 5. 10 M/T headed south, 1 miles south of Ballingards at 1204 hours.

C. Flak: None encountered. Heavy barrage was a  
B-25's from Avignon; 4 H guns flashes were seen at Surgues.

3. Losses: 1 crashed and destroyed on take-off; crew safe.  
1 crash landed in Corsica; crew safe. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: 10/10 cover over Corsica; clear over water.  
Target: Open but hazy.  
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTE: Base to rendezvous at G. Dalia; to landfall at mouth of  
Petit Rhone River; to target; breakaway left to Nimes; to south of Petit  
Rhone River; to base.

F. COMMENTS: Another Bomb group formation passed in front of this on  
on the bomb run; interfering with bombing.

Radio Counter-Intelligence report; Enclosed herewith.

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Major, Air Corps  
Op Intelligence G.

MISSION #316

FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. DEATLY

6 AUGUST 1944

"A"

RUNWAY LINE UP

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47 <u>MOONEY</u> <u>Macquot</u>	31 <u>BOTTOMLEY</u> <u>PHILLIPS</u>	43 <u>HARPSTER</u> <u>OLPSTED</u>
----- "B" -----		
29 <u>ARMSTRONG</u> <u>Mc Gray</u>	33 <u>KADEN</u> <u>Stough</u>	30 <u>THORNTON</u> <u>Harlan</u>
----- "C" -----		
44 <u>TAYLOR</u> <u>Heller</u>	45 <u>BARRACLOUGH</u> <u>Germano</u>	38 <u>KLARK</u> <u>Harrington</u>
----- "D" -----		
56 <u>MORAN</u> <u>Sherman</u>	64 <u>RITCHIE</u> <u>SWINDLER</u>	70 <u>CLARK</u> <u>HOWE</u>
----- "E" -----		
69 <u>HECKLER</u> <u>Brown</u>	51 <u>AYREY</u> <u>Meizga</u>	57 <u>TIMM</u> <u>Straka</u>
----- "F" -----		
65 <u>WEST</u> <u>BLOW</u>	63 <u>NELSON</u> <u>Adams</u>	55 <u>LIVSEY</u> <u>Storick</u>
----- "G" -----		
76 <u>CHUNIS</u> <u>Schroeder</u>	88 <u>BIRLINGHAM</u> <u>HELLER</u>	98 <u>BURKE</u> <u>Rogers</u>
----- "H" -----		
83 <u>WEIER</u> <u>Goldman</u>	87 <u>MUNNALLEE</u> <u>Hotenjany</u>	78 <u>DICKERSON</u> <u>Gleason</u>
----- "I" -----		
77 <u>SINN</u> <u>Hatcher</u>	81 <u>BRESETTE</u> <u>Gorman</u>	91 <u>MC BRIDE</u> <u>Drevas</u>
----- "J" -----		
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OZ BERSE		
18 <u>MERRILL</u>	91 <u>CAHAN</u>	
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SPARES: 16 LUELLER 40 BROWN 50 NICOUD 80 CONNOR  
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COLORS OF THE DAY  
 FLARE COLORS  
 0200-0800 RED & RED  
 0800-1400 YELLOW & YELLOW  
 1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW RED  
 2000-0200 RED & RED RED

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 RADIO:  
 320th TOPNOTCH  
 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS  
 17th BIGSALI  
 Escort BIGSALI FIGHTERS

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 1400-2000 G L  
 2000-0200 D H

CHANNEL "A"

MISSION NUMBER: 316  
 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION ON 6 AUGUST 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
F BERGES, CAPT. 42	<u>441st</u>	02
CP WIGGINS, 2nd Lt. 35		TOOK OFF 0710
B GIBSON, CAPT. 33		LANDED <u>1159</u>
N E BRUSH, S/Sgt.	<i>Dispensed chaff</i>	
R BREZNAK, S/Sgt.		
Q FATA, S/Sgt.		
F MARINELLI, S/Sgt.		
X BUSH, Sgt.		
P CAHAN, CAPT. 6	<u>441st</u>	01
CP ASHER, 1st Lt. 2F		TOOK OFF 0710
B N E BENTAS, Sgt.	<i>Dispensed chaff</i>	
R FORBES, S/Sgt.		
G SPIESS, S/Sgt.		
F BRATTON, S/Sgt.		
X DUBEAU, T/Sgt.		
P MERRILL, 1st Lt. 31	<u>441st</u>	18
CP LAZO, 2nd Lt. 31		TOOK OFF
B N E R G F X FULK, S/Sgt.	<i>Dispensed chaff</i>	
RAHL, S/Sgt.		
TUFTS, Sgt.		
STIPE, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, S/Sgt.		
P BOTTOMLEY, 1st Lt. 52	<u>442nd</u>	31
CP SPANDLING, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF 0654
B PHILLIPS, 1st Lt. 43		LANDED <u>1415</u>
N KING, 1st Lt. 49		
E DEATLY, 1st Lt. 4F		
CP SALVESON		
B ABERNATHY, S/Sgt.		
X HALL, S/Sgt.		
P HARPSTER, 1st Lt. 52	<u>442nd</u>	43
CP MAYFIELD, 2nd Lt. 9		TOOK OFF 0654
B OLMSTED, 1st Lt. 49		LANDED <u>1158</u>
N PINCOMB, 1st Lt. 85		
E PEARD, S/Sgt.		
G KNAUER, S/Sgt.		
F FIELD, S/Sgt.		
CP SHUM, O.G. CAPT.		
P MOONEY, 2nd Lt. 11	<u>442nd</u>	48
CP ROSS, 2nd Lt. 4		TOOK OFF 0654
B MARGOLIS, 1st Lt.		LANDED <u>1155</u>
N MARGOLIS, S/Sgt.		
G NEWTON, Pvt.		
F KIEL, PVT.		
X FRANK, Sgt.		

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*CP*

*W*

MISSION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION \_\_\_\_\_ 1944:

CREWS

P KADEN, 1st Lt. 57  
 CP OBER, 2nd Lt. 30  
 B FARWELL, 2nd Lt. 1

SQUADRON  
 442nd

PLANE NUMBER  
 33  
 TOOK OFF  
 0655  
 LANDED  
 1202

F  
 E O'NEAL, S/Sgt.  
 R COONEY, S/Sgt.  
 G PURTY, Cpl.  
 F  
 X

P THORNTON, 1st Lt. 56  
 CP LA CHASSE, 2nd Lt. 11  
 B HARLAN, T/Sgt.

442nd

~~37~~ 36  
 TOOK OFF  
 0655  
 LANDED  
 1203

W  
 E WALKER, S/Sgt.  
 R DANKO, S/Sgt.  
 G MIKELSON, S/Sgt.  
 F  
 X

P ARMSTRONG, 2nd Lt. 58  
 CP MC LAUGHLIN, 2nd Lt. 8  
 B MC CRAY, S/Sgt.  
 E HUSTON, S/Sgt.  
 R FOREST, S/Sgt.  
 G SALET, Sgt.  
 F LA FORREST, Cpl.  
 F  
 X

442nd

29  
 TOOK OFF  
 0655  
 LANDED  
 1205

P GREGG, 1st Lt. 54  
 CP CHILDS, 2nd Lt. 1  
 B COOK, MAJOR,  
 N  
 E MC CULLY, S/Sgt.  
 R KRAUSE, S/Sgt.  
 G NEMIER, S/Sgt.  
 F MIDDLINGTON, S/Sgt.  
 X

442nd

39  
 TOOK OFF  
 0655  
 LANDED  
 1325

P BARRACLOUGH, 1st Lt.  
 CP PORCYNALUK, 2nd Lt.  
 B GERMANO, 2nd Lt.  
 N  
 E BOLLINGER, S/Sgt.  
 G MALBURN, S/Sgt.  
 F BUTLER, Sgt.  
 X

442nd

*Early  
 no credit*

45  
 TOOK OFF  
 0745  
 LANDED  
 0845

P KLARK, 1st Lt. 59  
 CP STUTLER, 2nd Lt. 4  
 B HARRINGTON, T/Sgt.  
 N  
 E WALDEN, S/Sgt.  
 G ORGERON, T/Sgt.  
 F SELLER, Sgt.  
 X GINNELLO, Sgt.

442nd

38  
 TOOK OFF  
 0657  
 LANDED  
 1417

MISSION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIC \_\_\_\_\_ 1944

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P TAYLOR, 1st Lt. 62	442nd	44
CP ROWAN, 2nd Lt. 5		TOOK OFF
B MILLER, Sgt.		0657
N		LANDED
E MOORE, S/Sgt.		1204
R CLENDENEN, S/Sgt.		
G CORAINE, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P MC DOUGAL, 1st Lt.	442nd	32
CP GILES, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF
B HARMON, T/Sgt.		0657
N		LANDED
E ROCHESTER, S/Sgt.		1000
R BLUM, S/Sgt.		
G MARVICK, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P RITCHEY, 1st Lt. 53	443rd	64
CP STINSON, 1st Lt. 65		TOOK OFF
B SWINDLER, Capt. 52		0659
N TARANTO, 1st Lt. 45		LANDED
E JONES, S/Sgt.		1342
R COONS, T/Sgt.		
G LAWRENCE, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P CLARK, 1st Lt. 35	443rd	70
CP MILLER, 2nd Lt. 3		TOOK OFF
B BOWE, 2nd Lt. 13		0659
N SCHWARTZ, 1st Lt. 47		LANDED
E BAKKY, S/Sgt.		1155
R MARSTELLAR, S/Sgt.		
G KIRKICH, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P AYREY, 1st Lt. 27	443rd	51
CP KOMOROWSKI, 2nd Lt. 2		TOOK OFF
B MIAZGA, 2nd Lt. 13		0700
N		LANDED
E LUPER, S/Sgt.		1204
G SALVATI, S/Sgt.		
F HANSEN, S/Sgt.		
X		
P TIMM, 1st Lt. 62	443rd	57
CP BENNETT, 1st Lt. 1		TOOK OFF
B STRAKA, S/Sgt.		0700
N		LANDED
E WILLIAMS, CPL.		1155
G ROSS, CPL.		
F HASKINS, CPL.		
X		

*Early  
no credit*

MISSION NUMBER  
THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS

1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P HECKLER, 1st Lt. <sup>34</sup>	<u>443rd</u>	69
CP WATSON, 2nd Lt. <sup>5</sup>		TOOK OFF
B BROWN, S/Sgt.		0700
N		LANDED
E TROUTMAN, S/Sgt.		<u>1204</u>
R TALSKY, S/Sgt.		
G part <sub>2</sub> , S/Sgt.		
F MC GOWAN, CPL.		
X		
P NELSON, 1st Lt.	<u>443rd</u>	63
CP MOSBY, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF
B ADAMS, 2nd Lt.		
N <del>XXX</del>		LANDED
E SIMMONS, CPL.		
R CALLAHAN, T/Sgt.		
G AUSTAD, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P LIVSEY, 2nd Lt. <sup>7</sup>	<u>443rd</u>	55
CP YOUNG, 1st Lt. <sup>33</sup>		TOOK OFF
B STORICK, 2nd Lt. <sup>12</sup>		0701
N		LANDED
E ADAMS, S/Sgt.		<u>1205</u>
R BOLL, S/Sgt.		
G THOMPSON, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P WEST, CAPT. <sup>13</sup>	<u>443rd</u>	65
CP PHILLIPS, 2nd Lt. <sup>8</sup>		TOOK OFF
B BULON, 2nd Lt. <sup>15</sup>		0701
N		LANDED
E DELVIN, Sgt.		<u>1157</u>
R HARRISON, Sgt.		
G PROPST, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P HAMEL, 1st Lt. <sup>51</sup>	<u>443rd</u>	61
CP PETROSKI, 2nd Lt. <sup>10</sup>		TOOK OFF
B SELZER, 2nd Lt. <sup>6</sup>		0701
N		LANDED
E CHANDLER, Sgt.		<u>1156</u>
G WAGNER, S/Sgt.		
F MENSCH, S/Sgt.		
X		
P REYNOLDS, 1st Lt. <sup>65</sup>	<u>443rd</u>	54
CP TOWNSEND, 2nd Lt. <sup>4</sup>		TOOK OFF
B AVERY, S/sgty.		0700
N Wathen, sgt.		LANDED
E JUST, S/Sgt.		<u>1311</u>
G ROLFE, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

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NO INJURIES

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MISSION NUMBER:  
THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATI

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PLANE NUMBER

P BIRMINGHAM, 1st Lt. 46

444th

88

CPLOGSDEN, 4

TOOK OFF

B HEILER, 32

0705

N MICHELS, 54

LANDED

G E MONTGOMERY, S/Sgt.

1206

R CAMPBELL, S/Sgt.

G POLAND, Sgt.

F

X

P BURKE, 2nd Lt. 63

444th

98

CP SMITH, 1st Lt. 17

TOOK OFF

B ROGERS, 1st Lt. 52

0705

N WEBB, 2nd Lt. 18

LANDED

E KUCZMA, S/Sgt.

1200

R HARRINGTON, S/Sgt.

G KOCH, S/Sgt.

F

X

P CHUNIS, 1st Lt. 36

444th

76

CP TIMM, 2nd Lt. 1

TOOK OFF

W E SCHROEDER, 2nd Lt. 4

0705

N

E KELLY, Sgt.

R SHROLL, CPL.

G DAY, CPL.

F YAVOROSKY, S/sgt.

X

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P NUNMALLER, Capt. 39

444th

87

CP WELLBORN, 2nd Lt. 5

TOOK OFF

F B BETENJANY, Sgt.

0707

N

E LEONARD, S/Sgt.

R FERGUSON, S/Sgt.

G WILLIAMS, Cpl.

F

X

LANDED

1202

P DICKERSON, 1st Lt. 59

444th

78

CP WADDELL, 2nd Lt. 8

TOOK OFF

W B GLEASON, Sgt.

0707

N

E CARNEY, S/Sgt.

G ENGLEHARDT, S/Sgt.

F FIELDS, S/Sgt.

X

LANDED

1200

P WEIER, 1st Lt. 60

444th

83

CP JOHNSON, 2nd Lt. 2

TOOK OFF

W B GOLDMAN, 2nd Lt. 2

0707

N

E DOWLEN, Cpl.

G FLEMING, S/Sgt.

F BUCHANAN, Sgt.

X GLITES, S/Sgt.

LANDED

1330



MISSION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 THE FOLLOWING \_\_\_\_\_ PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIC \_\_\_\_\_ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P SINGER, 1st Lt. 59	<u>444th</u>	86
CP HALLENBECK, F/O 1		TOOK OFF
B WEYENBERG, Sgt.		0709
W N		LANDED
E HENDRICK, S/Sgt		
R ROSS, S/Sgt.		
G MOSKOWITZ, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

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P BRESSETTE, 1st Lt. 29	<u>444th</u>	81
CP DEMETREE, 1st Lt. 58		TOOK OFF
B JANMAN, 2nd Lt. 3		0708
F N		LANDED
E DELEO, Sgt.		1205
R SHAMFEN, S/Sgt.		
G BROWN, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

P MC BRIDE, 1st Lt. 63	<u>444th</u>	94
CP JONES, 2nd Lt. 5		TOOK OFF
B DREVAS, Sgt.		0708
N		LANDED
E MC QUARRIE, S/Sgt.		1207
R DELUCA, S/Sgt.		
G PAUL, Sgt.		
F KING, CPL.		
X		

P SINNS, 1st Lt. 59	<u>444th</u>	77
CP FORD, 1st Lt. 3		TOOK OFF
B HATCHER, S/Sgt.		0708
N		LANDED
E HARDY, Sgt.		1222
R FRIEL, S/Sgt.		
G WILLIAMS, Cpl.		
F STALCUP, S/Sgt.		
X		

P TURNER, 1st Lt. 58	<u>444th</u>	89
CP POLING, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B ROBERT, S Sgt.		0709
N		LANDED
E DUFFEL, Cpl.		149
G CRONIN, S/Sgt.		
F MALONE, S/Sgt.		
X FAUCHIER, S/Sgt.		

SPARES

P CONNOR, 59		
CP SHERMAN, 9		
B RYAN,		
N		
E COCOLO,		
G WITT,		
F WIGGILL		
X		

SPARES

444th

SPARES

SPARES	80
TOOK OFF	0711
LANDED	1155

MISSION NUMBER  
THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION

1944:

SPARES

CREW'S

P MUELLER, 1st Lt.  
CP STEIER, 2nd Lt.  
B PENKAVA, 2nd Lt.  
N  
E LICKY, S/Sgt.  
R WEBER, Sgt.  
G METCALF, S/Sgt.  
F  
X

SQUADRON  
441st

PLANE NUMBER

16  
TOOK OFF  
0711  
LANDED  
0905

*Early no credit*

P BROWN, 1st Lt. 49  
CP ROPER, 2nd Lt. 1  
B YOUNES, 2nd Lt. 21  
N  
E ELIAS, S/Sgt.  
R FISHER, Sgt.  
G MARSHALL  
F  
X

442nd

40  
TOOK OFF  
0757  
LANDED  
1155

P NICLOUD, 2nd Lt.  
CP SWIFT, 2nd Lt.  
B SNIDER, S/Sgt.  
N  
E GORMAN, Sgt.  
R GRAHAM, Sgt.  
G SUGGS, Sgt.  
F  
X

443rd

50  
TOOK OFF  
0711  
LANDED  
1001

*Early no credit*

FLEW IN POSITION NUMBER 14

P MORAN, 1st Lt. 40  
CP LYDAY, 1st Lt. 55  
B SHERMAN, S/Sgt.  
N  
E VOLOSKEY, S/Sgt.  
R SZCZECH, S/Sgt.  
G FLAJNIK, S/Sgt.  
F CHRISTIANSON, Spl  
X

443rd

56  
TOOK OFF  
0659  
LANDED  
1155

P  
CP  
B  
N  
E  
G  
F  
X

TOOK OFF

LANDED

P  
CP  
B  
N  
E  
G  
F  
X

TOOK OFF

LANDED