

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 300, Day Operation, 6 Aug. 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1523 hours 30 B-26's took off to bomb Tarascon RR Bridge (M/R: S-882965 OSGS 4249, sheet 130). 2 B-26's returned early; 1 spare; 1 tail guns out; 1 low fuel pressure. 27 B-26's were over the target and 26 B-26's dropped 104 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .01 second delays fuses) on the target at 1805 hours from 9,700' to 9,200' on an axis of 19°. 4 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs were salvaged over the target due to intervelometer failure. 27 B-26's returned to base at 1957 hours.

C. RESULTS: One concentration of bombs landed in the center of the bridge scoring 2/3 direct hits. One concentration of bombs covered the west end of the bridge and approaches and another landed short on the east side of the bridge.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: P-47's provided escort.
1 ME 109 to the right of the formation on the bomb run seen attacked by P-47's.
1 ME 109 at landfall coming out to the rear of the formation attacked by P-47's.

b. Situation: 5/6 S/E A/C on L/C near Bellegarde.

2. Ground:

a. General: 1. Submarine net just east of mouth of Petit Rhone River.

b. Communications:

1. 150 RR cars at St. Gilles.
2. 1 train of 6 cars headed N at Carsus at 1809 hours.
3. 30 RR cars at Albaron.
4. 400 RR cars, 1 locomotive with steam up at 1802 hours.
5. 30 RR cars and 1 stationary locomotive with steam up at 1802 hours.
6. 200 RR cars at Tarascon.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: 1. Tug pulling 2 barges south 2 miles north of Arles at 1802 hours.
2. 2 M/V's at I. des Babiars at 1750 hours.
3. 4 barges, 8 small craft at Arles at 1802 hours.
4. 8 barges at Penucaire at 1805.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather: Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 8,000'. 6/10 at 8,000' on Target: Overcast over Rhone River open.
Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES: Base to rendezvous at C. Delia to point 10 miles southwest of Marseilles; to landfall at mouth of Petit Rhone River; to target; breakaway left to Endessau; to mouth of Petit Rhone River.

F. COMMENTS: The A/C which crashed landed at Corsica on this morning's mission was not destroyed; it landed on single engine due to low fuel supply, and nose wheel collapsed, damaged nose section and propellers.

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RUNWAY LINE UP

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23	TRUNK Summers	11	HELD POLAKOV	4	HIPPLE BURG
			"B"		
21	PRETT Gallagher	24	CORNELIUS Anderson	10	KLUB Vicha
			"C"		
18	SCOTT Terabella	01	MUELLER Pankava	02	BORDEN Garvey
			"D"		
68	DUGAN Green	70	CADELL TIDWELL	52	LALB KVIS
			"E"		
53	WOODHURST Hitter	50	NELSON Adams	59	WIRKALA Prigmore
			"F"		
48	MC GAY Fuller	45	BARNARD Burns	44	ROBINSON Hatheway
			"G"		
97	HARMOND Shahan	85	JOHNSON FOCAN	87	BILLING GLAUBITZ
			"H"		
91	DRISCOLL Smith	99	PLACKTER Rinden	81	KREUZER Nelson
			"I"		
37	MENCHEN Roberts	28	ABERNATHY Spahn	27	MC OBER Harmon
SPARES:		07	WICHTER Dever	15	HEEREN Chelucci
				40	STERN Chamberlain

07 320th TOPNOTCH
15 Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
10 17th BIGSAIL
Escort BIGSAIL FIGHTERS
319th LEATBALL
Escort LEATBALL FIGHTERS

COLORS OF THE DAY		
FLARE COLORS		
0200-0800	RED & RED	
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW	
1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW RED	
2000-0200	RED & RED RED	
ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS		
	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	B	C
0800-1400	O	Y
1400-2000	G	L
2000-0200	D	H

MISSION NUMBER 317
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS

6 August 1944

CREWS

SQUADRON
 441st

PLANE NUMBER

P HELD, 1st Lt. 59
 CP BOYCE, 1st Lt. 56
 B POLAKOV, 1st Lt. 43
 N GIBSON, Capt. 33
 E HUPPE, S/Sgt.
 R TIPTON, Sgt.
 G JENSEN, Sgt.
 F SMITH, CAPT.
 X

11
 TOOK OFF
 1523
 LANDED
 1957

P HIPPLE, 1st Lt. 31
 CP OSTERMUELLER, 2nd Lt. 5
 B BURG, 2nd Lt. 13
 N PERFETTO, 2nd Lt. 21
 E GOODMAN, t/sgt.
 R KIRKLAND, S/Sgt.
 G ALLEN, Sgt.
 F
 X

441st

04
 TOOK OFF
 1523
 LANDED
 1957

P TRUNK, 1st Lt. 58
 CP MITCHELL, 2nd Lt. 1
 B SUMMERS, S/Sgt.
 N RANDOLPH, CAPT.
 E BARRON, T/Sgt.
 R THANNHAUSER, S/Sgt.
 G FRANK, S/Sgt.
 F BLUE, Cpl.
 X DUNCAN, CAPT.

441st

23
 TOOK OFF
 1523
 LANDED
 1957

P CORNELIUS, 1st Lt. 53
 CP NOLD, 1st Lt. 59
 B ANDERSON, 2nd Lt. 6
 N
 E LIGGETT, S/Sgt.
 R RENGEHAUSEN, S/Sgt.
 G HILL, Cpl.
 F
 X

441st

24
 TOOK OFF
 1530
 LANDED
 1958

P KLUG, 1st Lt. 37
 CP WETZEL, 2nd Lt. 2
 B VICHA, S/Sgt.
 N
 E WYATT, Sgt.
 G TRAPP, S/Sgt.
 F VOSLER, Sgt.
 X

441st

10
 TOOK OFF
 1524
 LANDED
 1958

P PRATT, 2nd Lt. 7
 CP PESEK, 1st Lt. 41
 B GALLAGHER, 1st Lt. 28
 N
 E WALDROP, Sgt.
 G ROCKABRAND, S/Sgt
 F PROFOS, Sgt.
 X SAUTER, S/Sgt.

441st

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 TOOK OFF
 1524
 LANDED
 1958

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MISSION NUMBER _____
 THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS _____ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
<i>F</i> P MUELLER, 1st Lt. 29 CP BODIE, 1st Lt. 67 B PENKAVA, 2nd Lt. 8 N E LICKY, S/Sgt. R ZEPEDA, CPL. Q METCALF, S/Sgt. F X	<u>441st</u>	<u>01</u> TOOK OFF <u>1524</u> LANDED <u>1959</u>
<i>W</i> P BORDEN, 1st Lt. 40 CP LOUIS, 2nd Lt. 6 B GARVEY, 2nd Lt. 14 N E MAUSER, Sgt. R WESTBROOK, T/Sgt. G DUNN, S/Sgt. F MADDOCKS, S/Sgt. X	<u>441st</u>	<u>02</u> TOOK OFF <u>1524</u> LANDED <u>1959</u>
<i>W</i> P SCOTT, 2nd Lt. 11 CP ARMSDORFF, 1st Lt. 17 B MIRABELLA, 2nd Lt. 1 N E FERNANDEZ, T/Sgt. R FRAZER, T/Sgt. G WILSON, Sgt. F X	<u>441st</u>	<u>18</u> TOOK OFF <u>1524</u> LANDED <u>1524 1959</u>
<i>G</i> P GAUDILL, 1st Lt. 64 CP STRATTON, 2nd Lt. 6 B TIDWELL, Capt. 61 N BROOKS, 2nd Lt. 20 E SONNONSTINE, Sgt. R CONSTABLE, Cpl. G COX, S/Sgt. F X	<u>443rd</u>	<u>70</u> TOOK OFF <u>1525</u> LANDED <u>1959</u>
<i>B</i> P LAMB, 1st Lt. 56 CP CONNELLY, 2nd Lt. 5 442nd B DAVIS, 2nd Lt. 14 M STORICK, 2nd Lt. 13 B E LAMOUREUX, S/Sgt. G GLOWATCH, T/Sgt. F ZACAR, Sgt. X	<u>443rd</u>	<u>52</u> TOOK OFF <u>1525</u> LANDED <u>1909</u>
<i></i> P DUGAN, 1st Lt. CP KOLAR, 1st Lt. B GREENE, 1st Lt. N CUMMINS, Sgt. G BEALE, Sgt. F PRICE, S/Sgt. X LIEBERMAN, Sgt.	<u>443rd</u>	<u>68</u> TOOK OFF <u>1525</u> LANDED <u>1</u>

Early Return

MISSION NUMBER
THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS

1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
F P NELSON, 1st Lt. 64 CP B MOSBY, 2nd Lt. 4 N ADAMS, 2nd Lt. 38 E R BARK, S/Sgt. G CALLAHAN, T/Sgt. F AUSTAD, S/Sgt. X	443rd	50 TOOK OFF 1525 LANDED 2000
W P WIRKALA, 1st Lt. 36 CP B UHLIG, 2nd Lt. 7 N PRIGMORE, 2nd Lt. 3 E R ELLIS, S/Sgt. G ROBIG, S/Sgt. F HOOD, S/Sgt. X	443rd	59 TOOK OFF 1526 LANDED 2000
W P WOODHURST, 2nd Lt. 37 CP B OPFERMAN, 2nd Lt. 32 N RITTER, 2nd Lt. 15 E R OENLKE, Cpl. G DE VERNIA, S/Sgt. F SHOLLENBERGER, Sgt. X COLLINS, Sgt.	443rd	53 TOOK OFF 1526 LANDED 2000
F P BARNARD, 1st Lt. 54 CP B PORCYNALUK, 2nd Lt. 31 N BURNS, 2nd Lt. 14 E R ROGHESTER, S/Sgt. G MALBURNE, S/Sgt. F BUTLER, Sgt. X	442nd	45 TOOK OFF 1526 LANDED 2000
W P ROBERTSON, 1st Lt. 54 CP B SMITH, 2nd Lt. 1 N HATHAWAY, 2nd Lt. 1 E R UNDERWOOD, S/Sgt. G MOORE, S/Sgt. F BENTLEY, S/Sgt. X	442nd	44 TOOK OFF 1420 LANDED 2000
W P MC KAY, 1st Lt. 52 CP B WILLIAMS, R.A., 1st Lt. 48 N FULLER, S/Sgt. E R KING, S/Sgt. G BESSIRE, T/Sgt. F HOYLE, S/Sgt. X	442nd	48 TOOK OFF 1526 LANDED 1747

MISSION NUMBER
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1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P JOHNSON, Capt. 53 CP STEARNS, 1st Lt. 24 B POCAN, 1st Lt. 52 N BANG, 1st Lt. 50 E DIERCZ, Sgt. R MC ELMURRY, T/Sgt. G ROSS, Cpl. F X	<u>444th</u>	85 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001
P BILLING, Capt. 47 CP SHERMAN, F/O 10 B CLAUBITZ, 1st Lt. 34 N DAY, 2nd Lt. 17 E COCOLO, T/Sgt. R CRK, S/Sgt. G RAMIREZ, Cpl. F LINDQUIST, Sgt. X	<u>444th</u>	91 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001
P HAMMOND, Capt. 12 CP WELLS, 2nd Lt. 8 B SHEEHAN, Sgt. N E BOVER, S/Sgt. R TKACH, Cpl. G WELLS, Cpl. F X	<u>444th</u>	97 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001
P FLACKTER, 1st Lt. 54 CP CATALANO, F/O 8 B RINDEN, Sgt. N E GRECO, Sgt. R SHAFFER, S/Sgt. G RABAL, S Sgt. F X	<u>444th</u>	99 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001
P KREUZER, 2nd Lt. 30 CP WALDROP, 2nd Lt. 26 B NELSON, 2nd Lt. 1 (over) N E BANKIN, Cpl. G RUMMEL, Cpl. F JOHNSON, Sgt. X	<u>444th</u>	81 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001
P IRISCOLL, 1st Lt. 47 CP WALKER, 2nd Lt. 5 B SCHMIDT, F/O 1 N E SMITH, Cpl. G CHAMBERLIN, S/Sgt. F ROBINSON, S/Sgt. X	<u>444th</u>	77 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2001

MISSION NUMBER: _____ THE FOLLOWING CREW PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS _____ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P CP B N E R G F X	442nd	28 TOOK OFF 1527 LANDED 2002
P CP B N E R G F X	442nd	27 TOOK OFF 1528 LANDED 2002
P CP B N E R G F X	442nd	37 TOOK OFF 1528 LANDED 2002
SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
P CP B N E R G F X	442nd	40 TOOK OFF 1528 LANDED 1959
P CP B N E R G F X	441st	07 TOOK OFF 1528 LANDED 1759
P CP B N E R G F X	441st	15 TOOK OFF 1528 LANDED 2000