

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 309, Day Operation, 15 August 1944

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 04:45 hours, 35 B-26's took off to bomb Beach in Baie de Cavalaire, East Sector (M/R: (B) U-415066), France. No A/C returned early. 34 B-26's were over target in three runs necessitated by poor visibility and cloud cover. 23 A/C dropped 689 x 100-lb demolition bombs (1/10 nose, non-delay tail fuses) on the target on the second run at 07:13 hours from 8,700 to 8,200' on an axis of 34 degrees true; 8 dropped 240 x 100-lb demolition bombs (1/10 nose, non-delay tail fuses) on the target on the third run on the target at 07:22 hours from 8,700 to 8,000' on an axis of 34⁰ degrees. 60 x 100-lb demolition bombs were salvaged over the target area, the fins having stuck in the bombays; 30 x 100-lb demolition bombs were returned to base having hung up over the target. 34 B-26's returned to base at 08:43 hours. 1 B-26 lost; crashed, burned and exploded on take-off; crew safe.

Results:

C. The target area was covered with an excellent bomb pattern parallel to the beach. One large red explosion was seen on the beach and another just in the edge of the water.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: 2 P-47's chasing an unidentified S/E A/C in a dive just NW of target at 07:05 hours.

b. situation: None

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Gun flashes were seen coming from high ground W of the target; no flak was seen from this fire at 07:13 hours.

(2) Large white-smoked explosion on beach just E of target area, which jarred aircraft at 07:13 hours.

b. communications:

(1) 15/20 M/T on road coming into beachhead just W of target area at 07:05 hours.

(2) 10/12 M/T, one burning, headed E, at Cogolin at 07:15 hours.

c. flak: 3 bursts of H over the target area after formation was 5 miles at sea.

d. Shipping:

(1) Drone boat # seen to blow up at target beach with tremendous explosion at 07:13 hours.

3. Losses: 1 which crashed on take-off. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: 5/10ths strato-cumulus at 4,000'.

b. Target: 8/10ths strato-cumulus at 4,000'; visibility poor due to haze and early morning light.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to Oréstano; to rendezvous at Scorno; to $42^{\circ} 52'$ North / $06^{\circ} 17'$ East; to East tip of Ile de Porquerolles; to target (no bombs dropped); curve left over La Garde and Cles to 2 miles East of Ile de Porquerolles; second bomb run on target, on an Axis of $34^{\circ} T$; breakaway right to C. Camara; to Cape Muro; to base (8 A/C circled to the right after second run and attacked on the third run on an Axis of $34^{\circ} T$; breakaway right to base).

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 326: FLIGHT COMMANDER: COLONEL FLETCHER: 15 AUGUST 1944.

*LINE UP FIRST FORCE

68 West	"A" WEST	RITCHIE 64	FELT 62	X Capt Shuh.
64 Ritchie	"B" HECKLER	STANTON 58	SPEED 53	RED
62 Felt	"C" NICOUD	BARRACLOUGH 30	HAMEL 50	
48 Dodelin	"D" DODELIN	NELSON 34	BOTTOMLY 48	
34 Deatly	"E" WEICH	KADEN 33	MCDUGAL 32	crashed & burned GREEN
37 Bottomly	"F" MESTCHAN	STEINBACH 25	ESTES 29	COI. ADAMS.
57 Phillips	"G" PHILLIPS	HARTE 31	MACKINNON 51	
70 Hayward	"H" SHERWOOD	BROWN 47	AYREY 52	Major Kennedy
51 McKinnon	"I" GREGG	HAYWARD 70	BAKER 38	
53 Heckler	"J" BENNETT	CLARK 65	WEEKS 55	
56 Strachan	"K" WEEKS	BERNATHY 45	BARNARD 60	Not 0
69 Speed	"L" MOONEY	CLAYBOUGH 30		
50 Nicoud	SPARES			
66 Nelson	BENNETT 59	WEEKS 55	BARNARD 60	
54 Hamel	HILL 71			
40 Welch				
33 Kaden				
32 McDougal				
46 Mestchan				
31 HARTE				
29 ESTES				
61 Sherwood				
65 Clark				
52 Ayrey				
39 Gregg				
27 Claybough				
38 Baker				

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 15 AUGUST 1944.

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

ALIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	P	F
0800-1400	B	I
1400-2000	N	C
2000-0200	S	L

37 scheduled
36 TB

RADIO CALL SIGNS

320th FORCE ONE CHANNEL.

- SPARES
- 59 Bennett
 - 55 Weeks
 - 60 Brainerd
 - F1
 - 71 Hill
 - 28 Barnard

MISSION NUMBER: ~~325~~ 326
 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF Is 15 August 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
F RITCHEY, 1st Lt. 56	443rd	64
CP LYDAY, 1st Lt. 59		TOOK OFF
B SWINDLER, Capt. 55		<u>0445</u>
<i>G</i> N DORE, 1st Lt. 50		<u>LANDED</u>
E JONES, S/Sgt.		<u>0847</u>
R HAZEL, Sgt.		
G CALLAHAN, T/Sgt.		
F C FLETCHER, Col.		
X		
P FELT, Capt. 48	443rd	62
CP DUGAN, 1st Lt. 57		TOOK OFF
B UNDERWOOD, 1st Lt. 47		<u>0445</u>
<i>B</i> N ALLEN, 1st Lt. 49		<u>LANDED</u>
E MAI, S/Sgt.		<u>0847</u>
R JUST, S/Sgt.		
G XENSTYX S/Sgt. GUILLIAMS, T/Sgt.		
DEC SHUH, CAPT.		
X		
P WEST, CAPT. 16	443rd	68
CP WEINGART, 2nd Lt. 7		TOOK OFF
<i>W</i> B BULOW, 2nd Lt. 18		<u>0445</u>
N		<u>LANDED</u>
E DEVLIN, Sgt.		<u>0847</u>
R PROPST, S/Sgt.		
G ORR, Cpl.		
F MC GOWAN, Cpl.		
X		
P STRACHAN, 1st Lt. 46	443rd	56
CP VAN KEUREN, 1st Lt. 35		TOOK OFF
B STRICKLAND, 1st Lt. 45		<u>0451</u>
<i>F</i> N STORICK, 2nd Lt. 14		<u>LANDED</u>
E HOPKINS, S/Sgt.		<u>0848</u>
R GRAHAM, Sgt.		
G ZACKAR, Sgt.		
F		
X		
P SPEED, 1st Lt. 38	443rd	69
CP TIMM, 1st Lt. 64		TOOK OFF
<i>W</i> B SELZER, 2nd Lt. 4		<u>0451</u>
N		<u>LANDED</u>
E WAGNER, S/Sgt.		<u>0848</u>
G CHANDLER, S/Sgt.		
F MENSCH, S/Sgt.		
X		
P HECKLER, 1st Lt. 37	443rd	53
CP WATSON, 2nd Lt. 8		TOOK OFF
<i>W</i> B MURRAY, 2nd Lt. 6		<u>0451</u>
H		<u>LANDED</u>
E TROUTMAN, S/Sgt.		<u>0848</u>
G TALSKY, S/Sgt.		
F PURTZ, S/Sgt.		
X COLLINS, Sgt.		

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 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF _____ 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
F BARRACLAUGH, 1st Lt. 54	442nd	30
GROSS, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B GERMANO, 2nd Lt. 27		0514
H TEICH, 2nd Lt. 16		LANDED
E BOLLINGER, S/Sgt.		0845
H MALBURNE, S/Sgt.		
G KIEL, Sgt.		
F		
X		
F NELSON, 1st Lt. 68	443rd	66
CFZOELLER, 2nd Lt. 7		TOOK OFF
B TIDWELL, CAPT. 62		0453
H MIAZGA, 2nd Lt. 9		LANDED
E VOLOSKY, S/Sgt.		0848+
R HARRISON, Sgt.		
G FLAJNIK, S/Sgt.		
F BUTLER, T/Sgt.		
X		
w P HAMEL, 1st Lt. 33	443rd	54
CPREYNOLDS, 1st Lt.		TOOK OFF
B GREENE, 1st Lt. 4		0453
N		LANDED
E COFFEY, S/Sgt.		0848+
R TRAWIEK, S/Sgt.		
G MELE, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
w P NICGOD, 2nd Lt. 32	443rd	50
CP WIRKKALA, 1st Lt. 38		TOOK OFF
B ADAMS, 2nd Lt. 41		0453
N		LANDED
E WILLIAMS, Cpl.		0848+
R GLOWATCH, T/Sgt.		
G PUTNAM, T/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P THORNTON, 1st Lt. 59	442nd	44
CP VANDERBERG, F/O 31		TOOK OFF
B MILITSCHER, Sgt.		0514
N		LANDED
E PUTNAM, S/Sgt.		0846
G MARSH, S/Sgt.		
F EARL, S/Sgt.		
X		
P BOTTOMLEY, 1st Lt. 54	442nd	37
CP WILLIAMS, R.F., 1st Lt. 47		TOOK OFF
B PHILLIPS, 3rd Lt. 45		0447
H KING, 1st Lt.		LANDED
E SALVESSEN, S/Sgt.		0849
G ABERNATHY, S/Sgt.		
F HALL, T/Sgt.		
X		

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CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P DEATLEY, 1st Lt. <i>51</i>	<u>442nd</u>	34
CP ROBERTSON, 1st Lt. <i>57</i>		TOOK OFF
B HENDREX, 1st Lt. <i>43</i>		<u>0447</u>
N MENAUGH, 1st Lt. <i>43</i>		LANDED
E ELLSWORTH, S/Sgt.		<u>0849</u>
R HUGHES, S/Sgt.		
G MARWICK, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P XXXXXXXXXXXX DOBELIN, 1st Lt. <i>57</i>	<u>442nd</u>	48
CP OBER, 2nd Lt. <i>34</i>		TOOK OFF
B WESTBROOK, Pvt.		<u>0447</u>
N		LANDED
E HOWARD, T/Sgt.		<u>0849</u>
R CLENDENEN, S/Sgt.		
G RODGERS, S/Sgt.		
F FRANK, Sgt.		
X		
P KADEN, 1st Lt. <i>63</i>	<u>442nd</u>	33
CP HEISELL, 2nd Lt. <i>60</i>		TOOK OFF
B STOUGH, 2nd Lt. <i>14</i>		<u>0453</u>
N ENGLISH, 2nd Lt. <i>9</i>		LANDED
E ELLAS, S/Sgt.		<u>0849+</u>
R CONEY, S/Sgt.		
O		
F		
X		
P MC DOUGAL, 1st Lt.	<u>442nd</u>	32
CP WILLIAMS, 1st Lt. R.E.	<i>Crashed on T/O</i>	TOOK OFF
B HARMON, T/Sgt.		<u>0455</u>
N		LANDED
E CRAMER, Sgt.		
R BLUM, S/Sgt.		
G BUTLER, Sgt.		
F		
X Lt Col. ADAMS.		
P WELCH, 1st Lt. <i>29</i>	<u>442nd</u>	40
CP MC KAY, 1st Lt. <i>56</i>		TOOK OFF
B ROBERTS, 2nd Lt. <i>4</i>		<u>0455</u>
N		LANDED
E WIDMU, Sgt.		<u>0849+</u>
G PASTORAK, S/Sgt.		
F MARSHALL, Sgt.		
X LAFOREST, Cpl.		
P STEINBACH, Capt. <i>14</i>	<u>442nd</u>	25
CP CHILDS, 2nd Lt. <i>3</i>		TOOK OFF
B VILA, 2nd Lt. <i>10</i>		<u>0514</u>
H POSHEK, Sgt.		LANDED
E FISHER, S/Sgt.		<u>0845</u>
G MESEROLE, S gt.		
F		
X		

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CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P ESTES, 1st Lt. ²⁰	442nd	29
CP STERN, 2nd Lt. ³⁸		TOOK OFF
B FULLER, T/Sgt.		<u>0510</u>
N		LANDED
E WALKER, S/Sgt.		<u>0906</u>
R TRIMBOLI, S/Sgt.		
G RYE, Sgt.		
F CINIELLO, Sgt.		
X		
P HARTE, 1st Lt. ⁵⁹	442nd	31
CP PORCYMALUK, 2nd Lt. ³⁴		TOOK OFF
B WARD, 2nd Lt. ²⁸		<u>0510</u>
N MOCPUOT, 1st Lt. ⁶		LANDED
E KING, Pvt.		<u>0850</u>
R DELAIRE, S/Sgt.		
G BENTLEY, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P METSCHAN, 2nd Lt. ¹²	442nd	46
CP MC OMBER, 2nd Lt. ¹⁵		TOOK OFF
B FARWELL, Sgt.		<u>0510</u>
N		LANDED
E HUSTON, S/Sgt.		<u>0850</u>
R FOREST, S/Sgt.		
G SALET, Sgt.		
X HIMMEL, Lt.		
X		
P BROWN, 1st Lt. ⁵²	442nd	47
CP SPRADLING, 2nd Lt. ⁸		TOOK OFF
B COOK, MAJOR		<u>0526</u>
N		LANDED
E PEARD, S/Sgt.		<u>0849+</u>
R KNAUER, S/Sgt.		0824
G FIELD, S/Sgt.		343
F		
X		
P HAYWARD, Capt. ⁸	443rd	470
CP WOODHURST, 1st Lt. ⁴¹		TOOK OFF
B PICKETT, 1st Lt. ³⁸		<u>0449</u>
N TARANTO, 1st Lt. ⁴⁸		LANDED
E LUTHER, S/Sgt.		<u>0904</u>
G CONSTABLE, Cpl.		
F ADAMS, S/Sgt.		
X		
P PHILLIPS, 1st Lt. ¹¹	443rd	51
CP O'HARA, 2nd Lt. ⁴		TOOK OFF
B DAVIS, 2nd Lt. ¹⁶		<u>0449</u>
N		LANDED
E ELLIS, S/Sgt.		<u>0904</u>
G ROMIG, S/Sgt.		
F GOOD, S/Sgt.		
X MIDDLETON, Sgt.		

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CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P MAC KINNON, Capt. ⁵⁴	<u>443rd</u>	
CP KOLAR, 1st Lt. ²¹		TOOK OFF ⁵¹
B WAGAR, 1st Lt. ²²		<u>0449</u>
N BROOKS, 2nd Lt. ²⁴		LANDED
E BLACKWELL, Sgt.		<u>0904</u>
R GILES, T/Sgt.		
G MC DONALD, S/Sgt.		
F CORCORAN, S/Sgt.		
X		
P CLARK, 1st Lt. ³⁷	<u>443rd</u>	
CP PARSONS, 2nd Lt. ¹		TOOK OFF ⁶⁵
B HOWE, 2nd Lt. ¹⁵		<u>0512</u>
N PRIGMORE, 2nd Lt. ⁵		LANDED
E BARRY, S/Sgt.		<u>0905</u>
R MARSTELLAR, S/Sgt.		
G KIDMICH, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P AYREY, 1st Lt. ³⁰	<u>443rd</u>	
CP MILLER, 2nd Lt. ⁶		TOOK OFF ⁵²
B BROWN, S/Sgt.		<u>0512</u>
N		LANDED
E LUPER, S/Sgt.		<u>0905</u>
R SALVATI, S/Sgt.		
G HANSEN, S/Sgt.		
F KENNEDY, Maj.		
X		
P SHERWOOD, 2nd Lt. ¹¹	<u>443rd</u>	
CP MORAN, 1st Lt. ⁴²		TOOK OFF ⁶¹
B MONTGOMERY, 2nd Lt. ³		<u>0512</u>
N		LANDED
E LALLY, Sgt.		<u>0840</u>
R MOTTENBOCKER, S/Sgt.		
G WONG, Cpl.		
F CHRISTIANSON, Cpl		
X		
P ABERNATHY, 1st Lt. ²⁷	<u>442nd</u>	
CP MC LAUGHLIN, 2nd Lt. ¹¹		TOOK OFF ⁴⁵
B SPANN, 2nd Lt. ²⁴		<u>0526</u>
N WERNICK, 2nd Lt. ⁸		LANDED
E		<u>0914</u>
G O'NEIL, S/Sgt.		
F MATTS, S/Sgt.		
X BURNS, Sgt.		
P CLAYBOUGH, 1st Lt. ⁵²	<u>442nd</u>	
CP MAYFIELD, 2nd Lt. ¹²		TOOK OFF ²⁷
B MONTEZ, 1st Lt. ³⁹		<u>0512</u>
N FINCOMB, 1st Lt. ⁵⁷		LANDED
E UNDERWOOD, S/Sgt.		<u>0906</u>
G CHASE, Sgt.		
F HOYLE, S/Sgt.		
X		

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CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P BAKER, 1st Lt. J.J. 30	442nd	38
CP ALLEN, 1st Lt. 37		TOOK OFF
B HARLAN, T/Sgt.		<u>0512</u>
N		LANDED
E MC CULLY, S/Sgt.		<u>0906</u>
R SAVENETIL, S/Sgt.		
G JOHNSON, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

P GREGG, 1st Lt. 56	442nd	39
CP STUTLER, 2nd Lt. 8		TOOK OFF
B FRIEND, S/Sgt. 7		<u>0512</u>
N		LANDED
E MC CURLEY, S/Sgt.		<u>0906</u>
R BESSIRE, T/Sgt.		
G NEMLER, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

P MOONEY, 2nd Lt. 13	442nd	43
CP ROPER, 2nd Lt. 3		TOOK OFF
B HATHAWAY, 2nd Lt. 4		<u>0528</u>
N		LANDED
E WALDEN, S/Sgt.		<u>0905+</u>
R ORGERON, S/Sgt.		
G SELLER, S/Sgt.		
F DANKO,		
X		

P WEEKS, 1st Lt. 55	443rd	55
CP YOUNG, 1st Lt. 37		TOOK OFF
B LOKAN, 2nd Lt. 30		<u>0528</u>
N SCHWARTZ, 1st Lt. 49		LANDED
E PARKS, S/Sgt.		<u>0825</u>
R MC QUEEN, Sgt.		
G PERKINS, Sgt.		
F		
X		

SPARES	SPARES	SPARES	SPARES
P BRAINERD, 1st Lt.		443rd	60
CP PETROSKI, 2nd Lt.			TOOK OFF
B LOWREY, 2nd Lt.		No T/O	LANDED
N			
E BUJEL, S/Sgt.	NOTAKE OFF		
R GAIN, Cpl.			
G ZEIGLER, Sgt.			
F			
X			

P BENNETT, 1st Lt. 3	443rd	59
CP UHLIG, 2nd Lt. 10		TOOK OFF
B SNIDER, S/Sgt.		<u>0528</u>
N		LANDED
E LAMOUREUX, S/Sgt.		<u>0851</u>
R BEALE, Sgt.		
G PRICE, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		

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P BARNARD, 1st Lt. 57	442nd	28
CP ZELLERBACH, 2nd Lt. 44	_____	TOOK OFF
B BURNS, 2nd Lt. 11	_____	0530
W N	_____	LANDED
E ROBERTS, S/Sgt.	_____	0843
R WASACZ, S/Sgt.	_____	_____
G WEISS, S/Sgt.	_____	_____
F	_____	_____
X	_____	_____
P HILL, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
CP OFFERMAN, 1st Lt.	_____	TOOK OFF
B NEWELL, 2nd Lt.	_____	0530
W N	_____	LANDED
E GOOCH, Cpl.	_____	0845
R WAYMIRE, Sgt.	_____	_____
G PECK, Sgt.	_____	_____
F	_____	_____
X	_____	_____
P	_____	TOOK OFF
CP	_____	LANDED
B	_____	_____
N	_____	_____
E	_____	_____
R	_____	_____
G	_____	_____
F	_____	_____
X	_____	_____
P	_____	TOOK OFF
CP	_____	LANDED
B	_____	_____
N	_____	_____
E	_____	_____
R	_____	_____
G	_____	_____
F	_____	_____
X	_____	_____
P	_____	TOOK OFF
CP	_____	LANDED
B	_____	_____
N	_____	_____
E	_____	_____
R	_____	_____
G	_____	_____
F	_____	_____
X	_____	_____