

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 310, 15 August 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 04:59 hours, 34 B-26's took off to Bomb Beach in Baie de Cavalaire, West Sector (M/R: (B) U-415066), France. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 loss of power; 1 engine cutting out. 30 B-26's were over the target on two bomb runs and 12 dropped 358 x 100-lb demolition bombs (1/10 nose, non-delay tail fuses) on the target on the first bomb run at 07:04 hours from 8,750 to 8,200' on an axis of 45 degrees. 18 dropped 525 x 100-lb demolition bombs (1/10 nose, non-delay tail fuses) on the target at 07:17 hours from 8,750 feet to 8,200 feet on an axis of 90 degrees; 15 x 100-lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area, having hung up over the target. 30 B-26's returned to Base at 08:59 hours. 2 B-26's lost; one crashed on take-off, burned and exploded; crew safe. One hit a mountain shortly after take-off; crashed and exploded; crew lost.

C. Results: The bomb pattern was slightly left to the N. The S. half of the bomb pattern covered the N. edge of the assigned area. Several large red explosions were seen among the bomb bursts.

D. Observations:

1. Air: a. Air Activity: See First Report.
b. situation: None
2. Ground:
 - a. General: See First Report.
 - b. Communications: See First Report.
 - c. Flak: See First Report.
 - d. Shipping: See First Report.
3. Losses: 2 to crash on take-off. Damaged: None.
4. Weather: See First Report.

E. Routes and Altitudes: Base to IP. W. tip of Ile de Port-Cros; to target on first run; 360° curve to IP; second run to target; breakaway right; to Base.

F. Comments: The Crew Members killed in A/C Battle No. 02 are as follows:-

<u>Crew Positions</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Pilot	Paul E. Trunk	1st Lt	0630771
CO-Pilot	Rolland L. Mitchell	2nd Lt	0537571
Bombardier	Harmon R. Summers	S/Sgt	39280084
Radio Operator	Heinz (BMT) Thambhauser	S/Sgt	31294512
Engineer Gunner	William C. Barron	T/Sgt	20435750
Tail Gunner	Charles T. Bratton	S/Sgt	15093789
Photographer	William M. Winters	S/Sgt	37144794
Other Crew Member	Wallace M. Bouchard	Capt	01548014

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer

GROUP MISSION #
 LIKE UP 2ND FORCE

FLIGHT COMMANDER: COL MACIA

15 AUGUST 1944

RED

	"A"	<u>DILLING</u>	
88	BIRMINGHAM	<u>CHUNIS</u>	85
85	DILLING	<u>91</u>	<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>
91	CHUNIS	"B"	<u>28</u>
		<u>PLACKTER</u>	
04	SMITH	<u>RAMAGE</u>	93
21	BERGE	<u>94</u>	<u>HAMMOND</u>
02	TRUNK	<u>TOWNS</u>	97
		<u>89</u>	
	"C"	<u>BRESLETTE</u>	
81	REEDER	<u>DRISCOLL</u>	87
80	JOHNSON	<u>76</u>	<u>STERNS</u>
78	DICKERSON	<u>CONNOR</u>	82
		<u>84</u>	
	"D"	<u>BERGE</u>	
97	HAMMOND	<u>TRUNK</u>	21
93	PLACKTER	<u>02</u>	<u>SMITH</u>
94	RAMAGE	"E"	<u>04</u>
		<u>MERRELL</u>	
82	STERN	<u>BEDNARZ</u>	23
87	BRESLETTE	<u>16</u>	<u>ASHER</u>
76	DRISCOLL	<u>07</u>	11
		<u>07</u>	
	"F"	<u>MYERS</u>	
11	ASHER	<u>PESEK</u>	09
23	MERRELL	<u>14</u>	<u>WIGGINS</u>
16	BEDNARZ	<u>SULLIVAN</u>	01
		<u>17</u>	L
	"G"	<u>JOHNSON</u>	
01	WIGGINS	<u>DICKERSON</u>	80
09	MYERS	<u>78</u>	<u>REEDER</u>
14	PESEK	"H"	81
		<u>MARSCH</u>	
99	JONES	<u>SINN</u>	83
83	MARSCH	<u>95</u>	<u>JONES</u>
95	SINN	<u>98</u>	99
		<u>98</u>	
	"I"	<u>DINWIDDIE</u>	
22	LAZO	<u>KLUG</u>	24
24	DINWIDDIE	<u>10</u>	<u>LAZO</u>
10	KLUG	<u>3</u>	22
# 4 MEN		<u>SPREBS</u>	
84	CONNOR	<u>GOEKE</u>	<u>BORDEN</u>
89	TOWNS	<u>18</u>	15
98	TURNER	<u>5</u>	<u>SCOTT</u>
		<u>5</u>	8

COLORS OF THE DAY FLY 15 AUGUST 1944

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0900	GREEN & YELLOW
0800-1400	RED & GREEN
1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
2000-0200	RED & RED RED

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

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

RADIO CALL SIGNS:

320th GROUP "TOPNOTCH"
 CHANNEL CHANNEL

MISSION NUMBER: 327
 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS ON 15 August 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
<i>G</i> P BILLING, Capt. <i>48</i> CP MURNALLIE, Capt. <i>111</i> B WHITE, 1st Lt. <i>54</i> N DEACY, 1st Lt. <i>51</i> E COOK, T/Sgt. R FAUCHIER, T/Sgt. G VELLIER, Cpl. MC MACIA, Lt. Col. X	<u>444th</u>	85 TOOK OFF <u>0446</u> LANDED <u>0842</u>
<i>B</i> P BIRMINGHAM, Capt. <i>48</i> CP WELBORN, <i>6</i> B HELLER, <i>37</i> N BANG, <i>52</i> E GAY, R CAMPBELL, G MOSKOWITZ, F HUNTER, X	<u>444th</u>	88 TOOK OFF <u>0446</u> LANDED <u>0842</u>
<i>W</i> P CHUNIS, 1st Lt. <i>38</i> CP TRIMM, 2nd Lt. <i>4</i> B BEEBY, 2nd Lt. <i>4</i> N E KELLY, Sgt. R SHROLL, Cpl. G ELEASON, Sgt. F LINDQUIST, Sgt. X MESZAR, CAPT.	<u>444th</u>	91 TOOK OFF <u>0446</u> LANDED <u>0842</u>
<i>F</i> P FLACKTER, 1st Lt. <i>57</i> CP DAMPMAN, 2nd Lt. <i>5</i> B FROELICH, 2nd Lt. <i>16</i> N DAY, 2nd Lt. <i>18</i> E GRECO, Sgt. R HARRINGTON, S/Sgt. G RABAL, S/Sgt. F X	<u>444th</u>	93 TOOK OFF <u>0452</u> LANDED <u>0843</u>
<i>W</i> P HAMMOND, Capt. <i>15</i> CP WELLS, 2nd Lt. <i>12</i> B GEORGE, Capt. N SHEEHAN, Sgt. E BAUER, S/Sgt. G FRIEL, S/Sgt. F WELLS, Cpl. X	<u>444th</u>	97 TOOK OFF <u>0452</u> LANDED <u>0843</u>
<i>W</i> P RAMAGE, 1st Lt. <i>40</i> CP VIEBROCK, 2nd Lt. <i>18</i> B GLEASON, Sgt. N E LEONARD, S/Sgt. G ENGELHARDT, S/Sgt. F FIELD, S/Sgt. X GEISKING, 1st Lt. YAVCROSKY, S/Sgt.	<u>444th</u>	94 TOOK OFF <u>0452</u> LANDED <u>0843</u>

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 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF _____ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
P TOWNS, 1st Lt. 54	<u>444th</u>	89
CP WALKER, 2nd Lt. 10		TOOK OFF
B SCHMIDT, F/O 5		<u>0515</u>
F H DRAKE, 2nd Lt. 14		LANDED
E MONTGOMERY, S/Sgt.		<u>0845</u>
H STALCUP, S/Sgt.		
G MAGNER, S/Sgt.		
F BOSS, S/Sgt.		
X		
P BRESSETTE, 1st Lt.	<u>444th</u>	87
CP LOGSDON, 2nd Lt.		TOOK OFF
B WILLIAMS, 2nd Lt.		<u>0454</u>
N SCHROEDER, 2nd Lt.	No T/O	LANDED
E DELEO, Sgt.		
R IVEY, S/Sgt.		
G KOCH, S/Sgt.		
F		
X STEARNS, 1st Lt.	444th	82
P STEARNS, 1st Lt.	<u>444th</u>	
CP SHERMAN, F/O		TOOK OFF
B HENNETT, S/Sgt.		<u>0454</u>
N	Early Return	LANDED
E DYRCZ, Sgt.	✓	<u>0654</u>
R LAUTH, S/Sgt.		
G RAMIREZ, Cpl.		
F KING, Cpl.		
X		
P DRISCOLL, 1st Lt. 50	<u>444th</u>	76
W CP JOHNSTON, 2nd Lt. 7		TOOK OFF
B RYAN, Cpl.		<u>0454</u>
N		LANDED
E SMITH, Cpl.		<u>0843+</u>
R WOOD, S/Sgt.		
G DEWITT, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
P CONNOR,	<u>444th</u>	84
CP POLOMSKY,		TOOK OFF
B DZIEDZIC,		<u>0515</u>
N	No T/O	LANDED
E GOULD,		
G WITT,		
F WIGGILL		
X		
P HERGE, CAPT. 44	<u>444th</u>	21
CP HELD, 1st Lt. 60		TOOK OFF
B PLOUCK, 1st Lt. 51		<u>0448</u>
N GIBSON, Capt. 36		LANDED
E BRUSH, S/Sgt.		<u>0850+</u>
G BREZNAK, S/Sgt.		
F FATA, S/Sgt.		
X		

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P SMITH, Capt. 5-0 CP BOWLES, 2nd Lt. 3 B TRAYNOR, 2nd Lt. 18 N PERFETTO, 2nd Lt. 25 E GOODMAN, T/Sgt. R KIRKLAND, S/Sgt. G STEEVES, S/Sgt. F X	441st	04 TOOK OFF 0448 LANDED 0850+
P TRUNK, 1st Lt. CP MITCHELL, 2nd Lt. B SUMMERS, S/Sgt. N E BARRON, S/Sgt. R THANNHAUSER, S/Sgt. G BRATTON, S/Sgt. F BOUCHARD, CAPT. X WINTERS, S/Sgt.	441st	02 TOOK OFF 0448 LANDED
P MERRILL, 1st Lt. 56 CP WALDEN, 2nd Lt. 7 B GARVEY, 2nd Lt. 19 N CASSINO, 1st Lt. 53 E BENTAS, Cpl. R GERONIMOS, S/Sgt. G WUFTE, Sgt. F X	441st	23 TOOK OFF 0510 LANDED 0851
P ASHER, 1st Lt. 32 CP WILSON, 2nd Lt. 5 B MIRABELLA, 2nd Lt. 4 N E HART, Sgt. R RAHL, S/Sgt. G RASCHKE, Sgt. F RANDOLPH, Capt. X	441st	11 TOOK OFF 0510 LANDED 0851
P BEDNARZ, 1st Lt. CP TOFFER 1st Lt. B CHELUCCI, S/Sgt. N E WYATT, Sgt. G CANZONE, Sgt. F ZEPEDA, Sgt. X MADDOCKS, S/Sgt.	441st	16 TOOK OFF 0510 LANDED 0515
P WILHOLM, 1st Lt. 48 CP LYONS, 2nd Lt. 4 B POLAKOV, 1st Lt. 45 N BAIDER, 2nd Lt. 5 E BARTON, S/Sgt. G KRAMER, S/Sgt. F HILL, CPL. X	441st	07 TOOK OFF 0527 LANDED 0850+

Crashed after T/O

Early Return

MISSION NUMBER:
 THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF _____ 1944:

CREW'S	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
F P MYERS, 1st Lt. 34	441st	09
CP CAHAN, Capt. 10		TOOK OFF
B O'CONNELL, 2nd Lt. 12		0512
N HANDTE, 1st Lt. 53		LANDED
E GULLIVER, S/Sgt.		0851+
R DALTON, S/Sgt.		
G WILSON, Sgt.		
F POLLY, T/Sgt.		
X		
W P WIGGINS, 2nd Lt. 59	441st	01
CP JUNKINS, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B STONE, S/Sgt.		0512
N HUPPE, S/Sgt.		LANDED
E NORRES, S/Sgt.		0851+
R WENDELL, Cpl.		
G LIEBERMAN, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
W P PESEK, 1st Lt. 45	441st	14
CP ROBINSON, 2nd Lt. 10		TOOK OFF
B GALLAGHER, S/Sgt.		0512
N FULK, S/Sgt.		LANDED
E FYSZ, S/Sgt.		0851+
R PROFOS, Sgt.		
G HECKLER, 1st Lt.		
F		
X		
W P SULLIVAN, 1st Lt. 49	441st	18
CP EVANS, 2nd Lt. 9		TOOK OFF
B STREAMY, S/Sgt.		0529
N COPPLER, S/Sgt.		LANDED
E SPIESS, S/Sgt.		0905
R YOUSSE, SGT.		
G HEARD, S/Sgt.		
F		
X		
G P JOHNSON, Capt. 58	441st	80
CP SULLIVAN, Lt. 5		TOOK OFF
B FOCAN, Lt. 55		0450
N MICHELS, Lt.		LANDED
E DOWLER, Cpl. 59		0852
G CHAMBERLAIN, S/Sgt.		
F ROSS, Cpl.		
X GASSER, Lt.		
B P REEDER, 1st Lt. 49	441st	81
CP ELLIS, 2nd Lt. 6		TOOK OFF
B HEPHNER, 2nd Lt. 17		0450
N DELOSTIER, 1st Lt. 40		LANDED
E TUNIS, T/Sgt.		0852
G RUMMEL, Cpl.		
F PAUL, Sgt.		
X WOODWARD, 1st Lt.		

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P NEEDERY, 1st Lt. CP WODELL, 2nd Lt. B JARMAN, 2nd Lt. N F DETANG, Pvt. E carney, s/sgt. H DELOCA, s/sgt. G DAY, Cpl. F DUNCAN, Capt. X	<u>444th</u> No T/O	78 TOOK OFF 0852 LANDED
P MARSCH, 1st Lt. ⁴¹ CP KAMANSKI, 2nd Lt. ⁷ B BERNARDI, 1st Lt. ⁴³ N WEBB, 2nd Lt. ²⁰ E GIUFFRE, S/Sgt. R PERRY, T/Sgt. G MASON, S/Sgt. F X	<u>444th</u>	83 TOOK OFF 0514 LANDED 0852+
P JONES, 1st Lt. CP SMITH, 2nd Lt. B BETENJANY, Sgt. N E KUCZMA, S/Sgt. R MOSS, S/Sgt. G BUCHANAN, Sgt. F X	<u>444th</u> Crashed on T/O	99 TOOK OFF 0514 LANDED
P SINNS, 1st Lt. ⁶³ CP KREUZER, 2nd Lt. ³³ B HATCHER, T/Sgt. N BURKE, 2nd Lt. E HARDY, Sgt. R THACH, Cpl. G ROBINSON, S/Sgt. F CLITES, S/Sgt. X	<u>444th</u>	95 TOOK OFF 0514 LANDED 0852+
P TURNER, 1st Lt. ⁶² CP POLING, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰ B ROBERT, S/Sgt. N E CLARK, Sgt. G FERGOUSON, S/Sgt. F MALONE, S/Sgt. X	<u>444th</u>	98 TOOK OFF 0525 LANDED 0852
P DINWIDDIE, 1st Lt. ⁴⁵⁻ CP O'MAHONY, 2nd Lt. ⁷ B MURRAY, 2nd Lt. ¹⁹ N VOLLMER, 2nd Lt. ⁸ E LEWIS, Sgt. G MARKUS, t/Sgt. F DUBEAU, T/Sgt. X KELLER, Capt.	<u>444th</u>	24 TOOK OFF 0523 LANDED 0853

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CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
W P GOEKE, 1st Lt. 6 CP WETZEL, 2nd Lt. 5 B VICHK, S/Sgt. N E STRAND, Sgt. R TRAPP, S/Sgt. G VOGLER, SGT. F MICHAELSEN, T/Sgt. X	441st	22 TOOK OFF 0523 LANDED 0853
W P LAZ, 2nd Lt. 35 CP KITHCART, 2nd Lt. 3 B FERRANDINO, 2nd Lt. 6 N E BOOTH, S/Sgt. R DORAN, S/Sgt. G JENSEN, Sgt. F BLUE, Sgt. X	441st	10 TOOK OFF 0523 LANDED 0853
W P PRATT, 2nd Lt. 10 CP MC CURDY, F/O 9 B N MULLIS, Sgt. E TURPEN, Sgt. R MOORE, S/Sgt. G HUGHES, SGT. F X	441st	03 TOOK OFF 0527 LANDED 0852+
F P BORDEN, 1st Lt. 43 CP LOUIS, 2nd Lt. 7 B ANDERSON, 2nd Lt. 8 N TAKEN, F/O 4 E MAUSER, S/Sgt. R SNOW, S/Sgt. G DUNN, S/Sgt. F X	441st	15 TOOK OFF 0529 LANDED 0843+
W P SCOTT, 2nd Lt. 14 CP FRANKEL, F/O 3 B COCKER, S/Sgt. N E FERNANDEZ, T/Sgt. G FRASER, T/Sgt. F STIPE, S/Sgt. X	441st	08 TOOK OFF 0529 LANDED 0843+
P WACHTER, 1st Lt. CP STEIER, 2nd Lt. B FENKAVA, 2nd Lt. N DEVER, 2nd Lt. E LICKY, S/Sgt. G WEBER, S/Sgt. F METCALF, Sgt. X	441st No T/O	5 TOOK OFF 0529 LANDED