

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative NO. 322, Day Operation, 16 August 1944

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 15:19 hours, 36 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Gun Position at St. Mandrier (M/R: (B) Y-937925, Sheet), France. 2 B-26's returned early; spares; one additional spare sighted possible yellow life-rafts in the water at 42° 03' North/ 08° 00' East, at 16:15 hours, and called sector-control, circled until 18:40 hours, saw launch approaching, returned to base late at 19:35 hours. 22 B-26's were over the target. 22 B-26's dropped 44 x 2,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 17:04 hours from 12,500' to 12,000' on an Axis of 310°T. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were salvaged by lead a/c of third squadron, because of engine trouble. This a/c was unable to gain bombing altitude and led squadron from formation just before bombing. 40 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) were returned to base by this formation. 33 B-26's returned to base at 18:35 hours.

C. Results: A good bomb pattern covered the target area, and the target is believed to be hit. The bombs of the squadron landed south of the target area.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: P-38's and Spitfires provided area cover.
b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: None.
b. Communications: None.
c. Flak:

Area	Int.	Type Flak	Accuracy Alt.	Type Def.	Type Fire	Positions - Comments
Target	M-I	H	A	FA	Barrage	followed by CP.
Target	S	L	I	I		From 3 Warships. 4 H at H/19 (TC 6-101A-NA).. 3 H at A-B/18-19.

Heavy flak commenced just as formation leveled off for bomb run, and continued on breakaway. No flak was encountered until lead squadron completed glide just before bomb run. Both 105 mm. and 88 mm. bursts were reported.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 3 cruisers or destroyers at H/16.
(2) Several small boats in naval base.
(3) 1 large M/V and 10/15 small craft at I/19.
(4) 1 large M/V and 4 small craft at P/9.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 8.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Scattered strato-cumulus at 4,000'.
- b. Target: Open; low broken strato-cumulus in area.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to Port Gros Island; to I.P., 2 miles south of Porquerolles Island; to target at 310 T; breakaway left; to base.

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
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MISSION NUMBER : 329 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: COL FLETCHER: 16 AUGUST 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP

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----- "A" -----
RITCHIE
DUGAN 64 SWINDLER KELT
 54 Sherman ----- 70 ALLEN
 ----- "B" -----
HILL
TDM 65 Davis WIRKKALA
 66 Pervus WEST 68 Brown
 ----- 69 Bulow -----
 ----- "C" -----
HAMEL
SHERWOOD 62 Green HECKLER
 53 Montgomery MORAN 55 Murray
 ----- 52 Holland -----
 ----- "D" -----
BIRMINGHAM
DRISCOLL 85 HELLER REEDER
 91 Ryan ----- 98 HEFHNER
 ----- "E" -----
PLACKTER
HISEY 81 Renden DAWKINS
 89 Nelson DICKERSON 88 ~~86~~ Schmidt
 ----- 87 Gleason -----
 ----- "F" -----
STERN
KREUZER 80 Jarman CONNOR
 95 Westbrook DEMETREE 94 Dzeidzic
 ----- 83 Weinberg -----
 ----- "G" -----
HARPSTER
DODELIN 34 OLMSTED BARRACLOUGH
 48 Westbrook ----- 27 GERMANO
 ----- "H" -----
BARNARD
ALLEN 45 Burns STEINBACH
 25 Hathway WILCH 46 Hoad
 ----- 40 Roberts -----
 ----- "I" -----
BROWN
METSCHAN 30 Younes MCOMBER
 38 Farwell ESTES 43 Stough
 ----- 28 Fuller -----
 ----- SPARES -----
SPIED
ABERNATHY 50 Selzer CHUNIS
 37 Sparr MOONEY 46 Bennett
 ----- 44 Friend -----
 ----- GROUND SPARES -----

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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 16 AUGUST 1944.

***** TIME FLARE COLORS
 * RADIO CALL SIGNS: * 0200-0800 RED & GREEN
 * * 0800-1400 RED & RED RED

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 16 August 1944

RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	443rd	64
LYDAY, 1st Lt. 61		took off 1519
SWINDLER, BOMB. CAPT. 56		landed
BARANTO, 1st Lt. Nav. 49		1835
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HAZEL, RADIO, Sgt.		
CALLAHAN, T/Sgt. Gunner		
FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, COL.		
FELT, CAPT. PILOT, 49	443rd	70
STRATTON, 2nd Lt. Co Pilot, 9		took off 1519
ALLEN, 1st Lt. Bomb 50		landed
BROOKS, Nav. 2nd Lt. 25		1835
MAI, S/Sgt.		
JUST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUILLIAMS, T/Sgt.		
DUGAN, 1st Lt. Pilot, 59	443rd	54
KOLAR, 1st Lt. 63		took off 1519
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
VOLSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1835
BEALE, Sgt.		
PRICE, S/Sgt. Sgunner		
CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	443rd	65
UHLIG, 2nd Lt. Co Pilot 11		took off 1520
DAVIS, 2nd Lt. BOMB. 17		landed
GOOCH, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1836
WAYMIRE, Sgt. Radio,		
FECK, Sgt. Gunner,		
CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
WERKALA, 1st Lt. PILOT, 39	443rd	68
O'HARA, 2nd Lt. CO PILOT. 5		took off 1520
BROWN, S/Sgt. Bomb		landed
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1836
ROMIG, S/Sgt.		
HOOD, S/Sgt.		
TEAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 65	443rd	66
PERSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 1520
FURVIS, 2nd Lt. Bomb 3		landed
LAMOURAUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1836
GLOWATCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, S/Sgt. GUNNER		
COLLINS, PHOTO, Cpl.		
WEST, PILOT, Capt. 17	443rd	60
WEINGART, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 1520
BULOW, Bomb 2nd Lt. 20		landed
DEVLIN, Sgt. Engine er		1836
PROPST, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ORR, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 34	443rd	62
TOWNSEND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 1520
GREEN, 1st Lt. Bomb. 5		landed
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1837
TRAWEEK, S/Sgt.		
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38
WATSON, 2nd Lt. CO PILOT. 9
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PUTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

443rd
T.E. Blown
on landing

55
took off 1521
landed
1845

SHERWOOD, 2nd Lt. PILOT, 12
KRIEM, Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4
LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOTSENROCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WONG, GUNNER, Cpl.

443rd

69
took off 1521
landed
1837

MORAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Cpl.
ROSS, RADIO, Cpl.
HASKINS, Cpl.

443rd

52
took off 1521
landed
1837

BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 64
HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 38
WARD-SMITH, 1st Lt. 59
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CAMPBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

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85
took off 1522
landed
1838

REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50
ELLIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7
HEPNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 18
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 52
TUNIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RUMEL, RADIO, Cpl.
KOCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

98
took off 1522
landed
1838

DRISCOLL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8
RYAN, BOMB. Cpl.
SMITH, Cpl.
FLEMING, S/Sgt.
DEVITT, S/Sgt.
DETANG, PVT. PHOTO,

444th

91
took off 1522
landed
1838

PLACKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58
LAMPMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6
RINDEN, BOMB. Sgt.
GABCO, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DE LUCA, S/Sgt. RADIO
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

81
took off 1523
landed
1838

DAWKINS, 2nd Lt. PILOT 12
SALMONSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
SCHMIDT, BOMB. F/O 6
HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
CHAMBERLIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

78
took off 1523
landed
1838

23	HISEY, 1st Lt. PILOT	444th	89
6	SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1523
5	NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
	CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1838
	FERGUSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	POLAND, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	LINDQUIST, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	DICKERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 64	444th	87
	WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off 1523
	GLEASON, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	GARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1839
	PAJEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	DAY, GUNNER, Spl.		
	BASS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
	STEARNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 29	444th	80
	JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off 1524
	JARMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8		landed
	DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1839
	LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	CONNOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63	444th	76 80
	POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 1524
	DZIEDZIC, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
	GOULD, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1930
	WITT, RADIO, Cpl.		
	WIGGILL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	KREUZER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 34	444th	95
	WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 27		took off 1524
	WALSTROCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		landed
	RANKIN, ENGINEER, Pl.		1839
	EACH, RADIO, Cpl.		
	WOLCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	DEMESTREE, PILOT, Lt. 63	444th	79
	VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, Lt. 19		took off 1524
	WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt.		landed
	THAIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1839
	CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	VILLINES, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	HARFSTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	444th 442nd	34
	SPRADLING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off 1525
	OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. 51		landed
	MENAUCH, NAV. 1st Lt. 43		1840
	PEARL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38	442nd	27
	STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 1525
	GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 79		landed
	ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 10		1840
	BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	MALBURNE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RIEL, GUNNER, PFC.		

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Dodelin	BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5 ⁸ OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3 ⁶ WESTBROOK, BOMB. Pvt. HOWARD, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt. EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	48 took off 1525 landed 1840
	BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5 ⁸ INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 22 ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. WASZCZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	45 took off 1526 landed 1841
	STEINBACH, PILOT, C apt. 15 ⁵ ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 HOOD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. / WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGERON, RADIO, T/Sgt. SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1526 landed 1841
	ALLEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3 ^F ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 24 MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt. MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt. CORRINE, GUNNER, Sgt. FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	25 took off 1526 landed 1841
	WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 30 ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7 CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. WIDAU, ENGINEER, Cpl. PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARSHALL, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	40 took off 1526 landed 1841
	BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5 ³ MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. / YOUENES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 22 KLIAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CLEMENSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt. MINKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 1527 landed 1842
	MC OMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16 SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GOONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. PURDY, GUNNER, PFC.	442nd	43 took off 1527 landed 1842
	METSCHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 PORCYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 35 FAHWELL, BOMB. Sgt. ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	38 took off 1527 landed 1842

ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 21
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt.
WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.
NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.

442nd

28
took off 1528
landed
1842

ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SPANN, BOMB, 2nd Lt.
PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
RATTS, RADIO, Sgt.
BURNS, GUNNER, Pvt.

442nd

*Early
no mission
credit*

37
took off 1528
landed 1740

MOONEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
FRIEND, BOMB. T/Sgt.
PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
HESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

47
NO T.O., took off
landed
(ground spar)

SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SELZER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd,

*Early
credit*

50
took off 1528
landed 1740

CHUNIS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
TRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt.
KELLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SHROLL, RADIO, Cpl.
ROSS, GUNNER, Cpl.

444th

*Early
no mission
credit*

76
took off 1528
landed