

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 319, Day Operation, 17 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:50 hours, 30 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Montpellier Railroad Bridge (M/R; (B) S-260486, CGCS 4249, sheet 12Q), France. 3 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 generator out; 1 oil leak. 27 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 68 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 11:23 hours from 10,000' on an Axis of 145°T. 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) 1½ miles North-West of the target due to bombardier error (bombardier did not know that his extended vision was on). 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) were returned to base, not having been dropped due to bombardier error. 27 B-26's returned to base at 13:18 hours.

C. Results: Target was missed. Bombs of one Squadron hit on the river bank South-West of the target, and another Squadron hit the East approaches of the bridge.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's and escort provided area cover.
- b. Situation: Montpellier A/D empty and unserviceable at 11:23 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) 6 coastal guns in emplacements in two rows of 3 each at Stee. Marie De La Mer.
- (2) 2 coastal guns 4 miles south of Le Grau De Roi.

b. Communications:

- (1) Train of 75 RR cars moving North at Boissenon at 11:08 hours.
- (2) 15/20 RR cars at Somniers.
- (3) 2 trains of 4/5 RR cars each moving South-West at Vergeze at 11:07 hours.
- (4) 20 RR cars at Ushard.
- (5) 300 RR cars, several locomotives, stationary, at Lunel at 11:07 hours.
- (6) Train 12 RR cars headed East from Lunel at 11:06 hours.
- (7) Train of 50/75 RR cars headed South-West, South-West of Lunel at 11:25 hours.
- (8) 150 RR cars at St. Laurent D'Aigouze.
- (9) 25 RR cars, train of 50 RR cars approaching town from North-East, at Le Grau Du Roi at 11:31 hours.

- (10) 8 M/T headed, West, West of Lunel at 11:26 hours.
- (11) 12 M/T headed North-East toward Nimes from Lunel at 11:26 hours.
- (12) 25 M/T headed East into St. Gilles at 11:07 hours.
- (13) 6 M/T working, other construction activity at mouth of Petit

Rhone River.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

(1) 5/6 barges at Le Grau Du Roi at 11:35 hours.

(2) 2 barges, 1 beached M/V at the mouth of the Petit Rhone River, at 11:35 hours.

(3) 6 barges at the mouth of Rhone River.

(4) 1 large M/V, stationary, off I. Rion.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.

b. Target: High cirrus above; open but hazy below.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to landfall at mouth of Petit Rhone River; to St. Hippolyte; to IP, St. Martin De-Londres; to target; breakaway left to Lunel; to mouth of Petit Rhone River; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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

MISSION #320 FLIGHT COMMANDER: COL MACIA

17 August 1944

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01	BEUMANTZ Theinzel	21	BERGE FLOUCK	11
				MERRILL GARVEY
			"B"	
22	KLUG Vicha	15	REEVES Seymour	03
				GRALLA Kwiatkowsky
			"C"	
04	O'DONOHUEY Polansky	23	HUELLER Fohrman	08
				SCOTT Cocker
			"D"	
47	THORNTON Uesbrook	27	BARRACLOUGH GEMANO	43
				ABERNATHY SPAIN
			"E"	
25	AM STRONG Mc Gray	34	GREGG Miller	38
				HENSELL Hathaway
			"F"	
44	R.F. WILLIAMS Chamberlin	45	BAKER Wittscher	46
				MOONEY Friend
			"G"	
53	TRETT Pollard	70	HAYWARD FICKETT	64
				BECKS LORAN
			"H"	
54	OPFERMAN Newell	51	AYREY Magga	57
				WEST Sorkman
			"I"	
52	WIM THUREN Henry	56	STRACHAN Streichland	50
				LIVSEY Montgomery

SPARES:

14	WACHTER Kelman	39	SMITH Vella	60	NICOUD Murray
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COLORS OF THE DAY

	FLARE COLORS
0200-0600	RED & YELLOW
0800-1400	GREEN & YELLOW
1400-2000	YELLOW & YELLOW
2000-0200	RED & YELLOW

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	Q	V
0800-1400	Y	S
1400-2000	H	X
2000-0200	U	P

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RADIO:  
320th TOPNOTCH  
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS  
  
Channel "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF 17 August 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BERGE, PILOT, Capt. 45	448 t	21
HELD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 61		took off 0850
FLOUCK, BOMB. 1st Lt. 53		landed 1318
PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt. 26		
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, /Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col.		
MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38	441st	11
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 33		took off 0850
GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21		landed 1318
HANDTE, NAV. 1st Lt. 54		
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
TUPTTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SHUB, DFC, Capt.		
BEEMARZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42	441st	01
WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0850
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1318
WYATTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CANSONE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LEIBERMAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	441st	15
LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0850
SIPORAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed 1319
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOSS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
GRALA, PILOT, F/O 8	441st	03
MO CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 10		took off 0850
KWIATKOWSKI, S/Sgt.		landed 1319
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.		
WILSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KLUG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	22
KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0850
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 0855
STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BLUE, PHOTO, Sgt.		
MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	23
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0851
PENKAVA, BOMB. 2d Lt.		landed 0903
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ZEPEDA, RADIO, Cpl.		
METCALF, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOUVARD, X, COL. 34th group		

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SCOTT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15	441st	08
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0851
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1319+
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
O'MAHONY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8	441st	04
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11		took off 0851
FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed 1319+
LIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CRAIG, GUNNER, Cpl.		
BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	442nd	27
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 57		took off 0851
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 30		landed 1320
MENAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt. 44		
HOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MALBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIEL, GUNNER, PFC.		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25	442nd	43
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0851
SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 25		landed 1320
ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 11		
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PUTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BURNS, GUNNER, PFC.		
THORNTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	442nd	47
STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off 0851
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Pvt.		landed 1320
HOWARD, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, Cpl.		
GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 57	442nd	34
GILES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0852
MILLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1320+
MC CURLEY, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
NEMIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ARMSTRONG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	442nd	25
ROPER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5		took off 0852
MC CRAY, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1320+
HUSTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SALET, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32	442nd	45
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0853
MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1321
MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SAVENETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MOONEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>14</sup>	442nd	46
ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>11</sup>		took off 0853
FRIEND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
FENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1321
BESSRIE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>49</sup>	442nd	44
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>12</sup>		took off 0853
CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1321
SIMEO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt. <sup>9</sup>	443rd	70
LYDAY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>62</sup>		took off 0854
PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt. <sup>39</sup>		landed
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt. <sup>50</sup>		1321+
LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEKS, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>56</sup>	443rd	64
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0854
LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>31</sup>		landed
FRIGMORE, NAV. 2nd Lt. <sup>6</sup>		1321+
VOLOSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC QUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
PERKINS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TIMM, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>65</sup>	443rd	53
WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>10</sup>		took off 0854
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>7</sup>		landed
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1321+
ROSS, RADIO, Cpl.		
HASKINS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, Cpl.		
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>32</sup>	443rd	51
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>7</sup>		took off 0854
MAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>11</sup>		landed
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1322
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>45</sup>	443rd	57
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>6</sup>		took off 0854
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1322
HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt.		
WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
OPPERMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>38</sup>	443rd	54
MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>8</sup>		took off 0854
NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>6</sup>		landed
OEHLKE, ENGINEER, Cpl.		1323
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC GOWAN, PHOTO, Cpl.		

48	STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56
58	YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0855
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. Lt Lt. 47		landed
	HOPKINS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1322+
	ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	FORD, GUNNER, Cpl.		
	LIVSEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9	443rd	50
	PARSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0855
	MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5		landed
	ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1322+
	GLOWATCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	THOMPSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	ROLL, RADIO, Cpl.		
	VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 07	443rd	52
	NEALY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3		took off 0855
	BROWN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
	GORMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1322
	ROBIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SUGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	GRAHAM, GUNNER, Sgt.		
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	STERN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 40	442nd	39
	VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O 33		took off 0856
	VILA, BOMB. Lt. 12		landed
	POSHKE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1319+
	FISHER, RADIO, Sgt.		
	MESEROLE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
	HENSELL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62	442nd	38
	ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0852
	HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed
	MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1320+
	MOORE, S/Sgt. Radio.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	441st	44
	WETZEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0856
	ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		landed
	HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1319+
	CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NICOU, PILOT, 2nd Lt.		443rd	60
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off 0856
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.			landed
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			1028
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			