

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 214, Day Operation, 18 August 1944

Flight Commander, Captain Rummallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:03 hours, 32 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb CD Gun Position (M/R: (B) Y-934925, GSGS 4249, sheet 15R), France. 2 B-26's returned early, spares. This formation included 12 B-26's flying as flak decoys for this and another formation of this group bombing another target. 30 B-26's were over the target. 17 B-26's dropped 34 x 2,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:56 hours from 10,800' to 11,800' on axes of 315°T and 325°T. 2 x 2,000# Demolition bombs were salvaged near target area (one or both possibly in water) by a/c having engine trouble. 30 B-26's returned to base at 12:20 hours.

C. Results: An excellent pattern of bombs covered the target and at least two direct hits are believed to have been scored.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) P-47's, P-38's, and Hellcats provided area cover.
- (2) P-47's bombing, started fire, at K/8 (TC 6-101A-NA).

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Large fire on docks at Toulon at 10:56 hours.
- (2) No smoke screen in operation at target, but some smoke pots were operating at Toulon dock at 10:56 hours.
- (3) Lighthouse or flak tower flashing at B/3 (TC 6-101A-NA) at 10:56 hours.

b. Communications: None.

c. Flak: Decoy a/c simulated bomb run 3 minutes ahead of the formation, dropping from 12,000' to 9,000' and broke from the target three seconds past the bomb release line. The lead decoy flight reported S. H. P-A flak commencing at the instant of breakaway and following for a few seconds on the breakaway. The a/c in this flight commenced dropping chaff 12 miles short of the target and continued for 15 seconds (see special chaff report for further details).

The second decoy flight made a similar run, but pulled to the right to draw fire away from the striking forces. It reported M. H. A. I flak, part of which burst directly over the target and part much closer to this flight. These a/c dropped chaff at intervals commencing 3 minutes before the target, and continuing 3 minutes after.

Flak Encountered By Striking Force:

AREA	Int.	Type Flak	ACCURACY		Type Fire	Positions - Comments
			Alt.	Def.		
Target	M-I	H	FA	A	Barrage	

& CP Ref: (TC 6-101A-NA).
Positions: 4 H at E/3, 4 H at F/5, 2 H at S/9, 2 H at E/19, and from 2 flak boats at G/9.

Flak was accurate for only the first Squadron in which 7 out of 9 a/e received holes. Flak began just as lead Squadron broke, and followed for a few seconds on the breakaway.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 10/12 Medium M/V's at F/6 (TC 6-101A-NA) at 10:56 hours.
- (2) 2 Cruisers and 1 Destroyer at H/12 at 10:56 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: 7 by flak.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Clear with haze.
- b. Target: Clear but visibility 8 miles in haze.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to I.P., 42° 50' North/ 06° 10' East; to target; breakaway left; to base.

F. Comments: Squadrons used slightly different axes of attack.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID OF AUGUST 18 1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
DILLING, PILOT, CAPT. 49	444th	85
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14		took off 0903
FROELICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 17		landed 1220
WARD, SMITH, NAV. 1st Lt. 40		
COOK, ENGINEER,		
NUNMALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, CAPT. 42		
REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 5-1	444th	82
ELLIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0903
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1220
BANG, NAV. 1st Lt. 5-3		
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt. 16	444th	97
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13		took off 0903
SHEEHAN, BOMB. S gt.		landed 1227
BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CAHAN, PILOT, Capt. 12	441st	06
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0903
VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10		landed 1221
BENTAS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
LAZO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 36	441st	21
ZIERK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0903
MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5		landed 1221
WYATT, ENGINEER, Sgt. 7		
PRATT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11	441st	02
TORONCO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0903
DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed 1221
MULLIS, ENGINEER, S gt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT, Capt. 59	444th	98
WALKER, CO PILOT, Lt. 11		took off 0904
POCAN, BOMB. Lt. 52		landed 1221
MICHELIS, NAV. Lt. 60		
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HUMMEL, RADIO, Cpl.		
WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	444th	87
FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 0904
DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 16		landed 1221
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HULETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CHUNIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	444th	88
KAMANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0904
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1221
KELLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, Cpl.		
KADEL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		

BRESETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁴	444th	81
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹		took off 0909
BETENJENY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁵⁹⁶		landed
DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1222
SHAFFER, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
POLLING, PILOT, ¹¹	444th	95
LAMPMAN, CO PILOT, ⁷		took off 0904
WEINBERG, BOMB. ⁵²		landed 1222
HARDY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CAMPBELL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DRISCOLL, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵²	444th	78
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁹		took off 0904
RYAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 1222
SMITH, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DEWITT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
PLACKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁹	444th	93
STREKOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³		took off 0905
RINDEN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1222
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, Cpl.		
RABAL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹⁴	444th	79
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁷		took off 0905
NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ^{6 (out of)}		landed 1222
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLAND, GUNNER,		
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵	444th	91
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O ¹⁴		took off 0905
JARMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁹		landed 1222
CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLARKE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LA Y, GUNNER, Cpl.		
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ³³	⁴⁴³ 444th	66
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ²		took off 0905
COOK, BOMB. MAJOR,		landed 1222
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt. ⁵¹		
LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹²	443rd	61
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰		took off 0905
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁶		landed 1226
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁴	443rd	57
BARSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁴		took off 0905
HOLLAND, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁹		landed 1226
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		

54	BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	31	took off 0916	
9	ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1226	
	MILLER, BOMB. Sgt.				
	ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
16	STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	46	took off 0906	
12	ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1226	
	MILITSCHER, BOMB, Sgt.				
	MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
34	VANDERBURG, PILOT, F/O	442nd	44	took off 0906	
41	STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1226	
13	VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.				
	POSE, Sgt. Engineer.				
10	HAYWARD, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	70	took off 0906	
7	BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1227	
40	PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt.				
57	ODRE, NAV. 1st Lt.				
	BOLL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
	MOTSEMBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
55	MAC KINNON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	62	took off 0906	
53	CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1703	AK 400
7	WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt.				
	PRIGMORE, NAV, 2nd Lt.				
	BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	GIESS, RADIO, T/Sgt.				
	HOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
13	BRAINERD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68	took off 0906	
14	PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1227	
8	LEWERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.				
	BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	CANN, RADIO, Sgt.				
	ZEIGLER, GUNNER, S/sgt.				
	CHRISTIANSEN, PHOTO, Sgt.				
58	CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	50	took off 0917	
9	MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1208	
16	HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.				
	barry, engineer, s/sgt.				
	HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt.				
	KIMMICH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
40	SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69	took off 0907	
8	SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1227	
10	SELZER, BOMB, 2nd Lt.				
	CHANDLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	FREUDIGER, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
	MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
39	OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	51	took off 0907	
4	NEALY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		landed	1229	
6	NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.				
	OEHLMKE, ENGINEER, Cpl.				
	ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
	DEVERNA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
45	HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	56	took off 0907	landed 1248
12	UHLIG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt			
	DAVIS, GUNNER, CPL.	GOOCH, ENGINEER, CPL.	WAYMIRE, RADIO, CPL.	PECK, GUNNER, Sgt.	

NICOUD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³³ ₆	443rd	52 took off 0907 landed 1228
O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
EDAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁴¹ ₁		
SIMPONS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BEALE, RADIO, Sgt.		
MC GOWAN, Sgt. PHOTO,		
VAN, KEURAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁵ ₅	443rd	65 took off 0907 landed 1228
KENT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁸		
GORMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt		
WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
SUGGS, GUNNER, C I.		
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.		
DEATLY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵²	442nd	34 took off 0908 landed 1223
HENSELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁶³		
HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt. ⁴⁶		
KING, NAV. 1st Lt. ⁵³		
KING, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt		
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ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ²⁹	442nd	43 took off 0908 landed 1223
FORCYMALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt ³⁶		
SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ²⁶		
TEICH, NAV. 2nd Lt. ¹⁷		
PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BURNS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ²²	442nd	38 took off 0908 landed 1223
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁶		
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt.		
WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RYE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CINIELL, PHOTO, S gt.		
WELCH, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³¹	442nd	33 took off 0908 landed 1223
GILES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵		
STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ¹⁷		
WIDEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
PASTORAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARSHALL, GUNNER, gt.		
ALLEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁹	442nd	25 took off 0908 landed 1223
CHILDS, XXXX CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵		
HOOD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ²		
MOORE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CORRAINE, GUNNER, Sgt/		
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METSCHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁴	442nd	47 took off 0908 landed 1223
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵		
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt.		
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.		

59 BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 442nd	45
SPRADLING, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11	took off 0909
BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13	landed
ROCHERSTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	1224
WASACZ, RADIO, S/sgt.	
WEISS, GUNNER, S/3gt.	
WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 442nd	29
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17	took off 0909
HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7	landed
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.	1224
STIMO, RADIO, S Sgt.	
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.	
MC OMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17 442nd	48
MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14	took off 0909
FRIEND, BOMB. T/3gt.	landed
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	1224
SHEEHAY, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
SELLER, GUNNER, Sgt.	
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 441st	23
BERGE, CO PILOT, Capt. 46	took off 0909
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19	landed
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 34	1224
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.	
BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.	
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49 441st	11
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 34	took off 0909
POLAKOV, BOMB. 1st Lt. 46	landed
BADER, NAV. 2nd Lt. 6	1224
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.	
PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46 441st	17
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8	took off 0909
GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	1224
ROCKABRAND, RADO, S/Sgt.	
PROFOS, GUNNER, Sgt.	
LEIBERMAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	
MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36 441st	09
JUNKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7	took off 0910
O'CONNELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 13	landed
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	1225
DALTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
WILSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 441st	18
MC GREGOR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10	took off 0910
STREAMY, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed
COPPLER, ENGINEER, S Sgt.	1225
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
YOUSSE, GUNNER, Sgt.	

GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 7
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O 4
MC CALL, BOMB. F/O 3
SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TURPEN, RADIO, S/sgt.
TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.
BLUE, SGT.

441st

04
took off 0910
landed 1225

DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 46
KITHCART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4
MU RAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
KIRKLAND, RAI O, S/Sgt.
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 33
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33
TAKEN, BOMB. F/O 5
HART, ENGINEER, Sgt.
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
RASCHKE, GUNNER, Sgt.
RAHL, X, S/Sgt.

441st

24
took off 0910
landed 1225

EVANS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10
KAUFFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 3
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.
STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HILL, GUNNER, Cpl.
WILLIAMS, X, Cpl.

441st

14
took off 0910
landed 1225

SPARES

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STEARNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CATALANO, CO PILOT, F/O
CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
LAUTH, RAI O, S/Sgt.
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

80
took off 0911
landed 1042

Early

BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
MAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

15
took off 0911
landed 1044

Early

MOONEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC GRAY, BOMB. S/Sgt.
FENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
VESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.
RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

39
took off 0911
landed 1046

Early

WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KOMOROWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.
HARMON, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MC QUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.
WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

60
took off 0911
landed 1034

Early

WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WETZEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Cpl.

441st

Early

01
took off 0911
landed 1041