

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 316, Day Operation, 19 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Col. Fletcher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 07:03 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Road Bridge South of Embrun (M/R: (E) P-296584, GSGS 4249, Sheet 150), France. 1 B-26' returned early: Spare. 28 B-26's were over the target, and 28 B-26's dropped 112 x 1,000# Demolition Bombs (1/10 & .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 09:28 hours from 12,500' to 12,000' on an axis of 63°T. 28 B-26's returned to base at 11:27 hours.

C. Results: The bridge was missed. The bombs of two Squadrons landed to the right of the target, cutting the East approach. The bombs of the third Squadron landed to the left of the target cutting the North approach.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: P-38's and P-47's were seen in the target area. 4 unidentified T/E a/c, behind the formation headed North-West at 10,000' in the vicinity of the target.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) Hospital at Voix.
- (2) Bridge out at Espinasses.

b. Communications:

- (1) 50 RR cars at Mirabeau.
- (2) 75 RR cars at Peyruis.
- (3) 10 RR cars at Chateauroux.
- (4) 10 RR cars at St. Clement.
- (5) 15 RR cars and 2 stationary locomotives at St. Crepin at

09:32 hours.

- (6) 30 RR cars at Digne.
- (7) 8 M/T headed West, 8 miles West of Digne at 09:42 hours.
- (8) 5 M/T moving North into Peyruis from the South at 09:17 hours.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Broken cumulus at 5,000' along coast of France.

b. Target: Open.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to I. De Port-Cros; to landfall at C. Blanc; to Pignans; to St. Paul Le-Durance; to IP, Peyruis; bomb run to target; sharp curve right over Crepiu; over target; to Digne; to C. Blanc; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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RUNWAY LINE UP

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97 DEBREE

Neyenberg

85 BILLING

WHITE

98 RABAGE,

DEAKE

"B"

81 HALLOND

Sheehan

82 TRIML

Devas

91 WALDROP

Westbrook

"F"

80 TOWNS

Nelson

89 LOGSDON

Schmidt

88 VETTER

Betenjery

11 MERRILL

Garvey

21 ARNSDORFF

Irabella

23 HUELLER

PERKAVA

"H"

09 BORDEN

Anderson

01 WIGGINS

Stone

03 GRALA

Liever

"I"

04 WACHTER

Ferrandino

17 JUNKINS

Posey

08 SCOTT

Cocker

"J"

30 HARTZ

Olmsted

38 CLARK

McCray

43 ABERMATHY

Spann

"K"

37 BROWN

Chamberlin

40 ALLEN

Farwell

44 ROBERTSON

Blitscher

"L"

28 BARNARD

Westbrook

39 ESTES

Faller

47 MC GIBNE

Miller

COLORS OF THE DAY

FLARE COLORS

0200-0800

YELLOW & YELLOW RED

0800-1400

RED & RED RED

1400-2000

RED & RED

2000-0200

YELLOW & YELLOW RED

ALDIS LIGHT SIGNALS

CHALLENGE

REPLY

0200-0800

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N

0800-1400

X

F

1400-2000

P

Y

2000-0200

O

H

SPARES:

93 BRUNETTE

Coleman

14 GOEKE

McCull

48 METSCHAN

Wood

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH

Escort: TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

Channel "A"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 19 August 1944:

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
BILLING, PILOT, CAPT.	444th	98
WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0703
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1128
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt.		
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
POLLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, BOL.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	444th	85
POWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off NO T.O.
DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
BANG, NAV. 1st Lt.		DID NOT TAKE OFF
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DEMETREE, PILOT, Lt.	444th	97
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 0701
WEINBERG, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1128
HENDREX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DAY, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt.	444th	81
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0701
SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1128+
BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
MIDDLETON, PHOTOGR., S/Sgt.		
WALDRON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0701
WESTBROCK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1128+
RANKIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TKACH, RADIO, Cpl.		
WOLCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	82
WALKER, CO PILOT,		took off 0701
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1128+
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WIGGILL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
WEYER, PILOT, Lt.	444th	88
STREKOWSKI, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 0702
BETENJENY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1129
THAIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KADEL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LOGSDON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	89
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0702
SCHMIDT, BOMB. P/O		landed 1129
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.	VILLINES, GUNNER, Cpl.	

MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. HELD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. GARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt. SOLMATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FORBES, RADIO, T/Sgt. TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	11 took off 0703 landed 1129+
MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. KAUFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. PENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. SIPOFAN, NAV. 2nd Lt. LICKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ZEPEDA, RADIO, Cpl. DUNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	23 took off 0703 landed 1126
ARNSDORFF, PILOT, 1st Lt. BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WYATT, ENGINEER, Sgt. CANZONETTA, RADIO, Sgt. WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt. BLUE, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	21 took off 0703 landed 1129+
BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC CALL, BOMB. F/O MAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt. METCALF, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	09 took off 0703 landed 1130
GRALA, PILOT, F/O ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. LIEVEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. O'CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. COOK, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	03 took off 0703 landed 1130
WIGGINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. LYONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt. DUARTE, ENGINEER, Cpl. NELSON, RADIO, Cpl. CRAIG, GUNNER, Cpl. MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	01 took off 0703 landed 1129+
WACHNER, PILOT, 1st Lt. O'MAHONY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FERLANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	04 took off 0704 landed 1130+
SCOTT, PILOT, 2nd Lt. WILSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt. FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt. FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt. STIPE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	08 took off 0704 landed 1130+

JUNKINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. TOFFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. POSEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ZOGELMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt. JENSEN, GUNNER, Sgt.	441st	15 took off 0704 landed 1130+
HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. OLMSTED, BOMB. 2nd Lt. TEICH, NAV. 2nd Lt. KING, ENGINEER, Pvt. DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	30 took off 0705 landed 1131
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. GILES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. WERNICK, NAV. 2nd Lt. PUTNAM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RATTS, RADIO, S/Sgt. BURNS, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 0705 landed 1131
BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt. ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.	442nd	37 took off 0705 landed 1131+
ROBERTSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MILITSCHER, BOMB. S/Sgt. MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. NEWTON, RADIO, Pvt. DEMSKI, GUNNER, Pvt.	442nd	44 took off 0705 landed 1131+
ALLEN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt. MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt. CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt. CORMINE, GUNNER, Sgt. LA FORREST, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	40 took off 0705 landed 1131+
BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WESTBROOK, BOMB. Pvt. PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHEARER, RADIO, Cpl. SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	31 took off 0705 landed 1132
MC OMBER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. MILLER, BOMB. Cpl. ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SHEEHY, RADIO, Sgt. HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	47 took off 0705 landed 1132

KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt.
WALKER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SAVENETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.
HUGHES, E RADIO, S/Sgt.

442nd

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took off 0706
landed 1132

SPARES

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GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, F/O
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
BENTAS, ENGINEER, Cpl.
TURPEN, RADIO, Sgt.
HILL, GUNNER, Cpl.

441st

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44
took off 0702
landed 0911

BRESETE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O
GOLDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
DELEO, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

93
took off 0707
landed 1129

KLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC GRAY,
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ORGERON, RADIO, T/Sgt.
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.
CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.

444th

38
took off 0707
LANDED 1131

METSCHAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ROOD, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
UNDERWOOD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ABERNATHY, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HALL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

442nd

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took off 0705
landed 1124

TOWNS

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No T/O