

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 320, Day Operation, 21 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:22 hours, 20 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Road Bridge at Borgo San Lorenzo (M/R: (W) C-909879, CGCS 4144, sheet 106), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early; spares. 18 B-26's were over the target and 18 B-26's dropped 144 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:19 hours from 9,000' to 8,500' on an Axis of 269 T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 12:09 hours.

C. Results: The bombs of one Squadron covered the bridge with an excellent pattern of bombs, scoring 3 to 4 direct hits and probably destroying it. The bombs of one Squadron landed just over to the west.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's and Spitfires provided area cover.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) large black object, possibly parked trucks, along East side of road just South of Barberino di Mugello.
- (2) Fire and white smoke at Pulassuolo.
- (3) Supply dump 3 miles North-East of Marradi.
- (4) Camouflaged two-story building at Predappio Nuova.

b. Communications:

- (1) 30 M cars at S. Pietro A Sieve.
- (2) 25/30 M cars between Borgo San Lorenzo and Vicchio.
- (3) 6/10 M cars in first M/Y's North of Borgo San Lorenzo.
- (4) 2 M/T's with trailers moving South, 4 miles North of Borgo San Lorenzo at 10:19 hours.
- (5) 3/4 M/T's, stationary, 3 miles South of Civitella Di Romagna at 10:14 hours.
- (6) 6 M/T's headed West, 10 miles East of Fontanileve at 09:50 hours.

c. Flak: None encountered. From vicinity of Vaglia, Moderate, Heavy, was seen being fired at another B-26 formation at 10:19 hours.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: CAVU.

b. Target: CAVU.

c. Returns: CAVU.

E. Route: Base to landfall at mouth of Ombrone River; to Montevarchi; to Portico Di Romagna; 180° curve North of Margate Saraceno; to I.P., Civitella Di Romagna; bomb run to target; breakaway right to Portico Di Romagna; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

WILLIAM COOK,
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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #335

FLIGHT COMMANDER: ~~*****~~ 21 August 1944

RUNWAY LINE UP

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RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH

Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS

Channel "4"

(grd spare.)
(16) (53)

17 ~~PESEK~~ Gallagher ~~FLETCHER~~ BERGHE 04 WACHTER FERRANDINO

01 ~~GOODE~~ Taken 09 REWEES Devers 18 JUNKINS Posey

14 ~~MAC GREGOR~~ Kingsbury 06 CAMAN IBERbella 21 LAZO Chelucci

69 ~~SPEED~~ Montgomery 64 RITCHIE SCHEIDT 70 FELT Allen

65 ~~WOODHURST~~ Furvis 56 LYBRY Maaga 68 OPPENHAN Hawell

57 ~~MCCOUD~~ Henry 51 HAFFL Green 50 DUGAN Peterson

~~SPURST~~ 10 DIMMIDIE Murray 62 PHILLIPS PHILLIPS

COLORS OF THE DAY
0200-0800 FLARE COLORS
YELLOW & YELLOW
0800-1400 GREEN & GREEN
1400-2000 RED & RED
2000-0200 YELLOW & YELLOW RED

ALDIS LAMPS SIGNALS
CHALLENGE REPLY
0200-0800 B V
0800-1400 M J
1400-2000 X D
2000-0200 N C

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 21 August 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
FLETCHER, PILOT, COL.	441st	21
SCOTT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18		took off
BERGE, BOMB. Capt. 48		landed 12A
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 39		
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SMITH, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 52		
WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54	441st	04
LYONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0822
FERRANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		landed 1210
HANDTE, NAV. 1st Lt. 53		
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARTINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	441st	10
DOLKE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 1		took off 0822
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed 1210
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
DALTEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DUBEAU, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 60	441st	09
WALDEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0822
DEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 4		landed 1210
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANKERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
JUNKINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9	441st	18
BOWLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0822
POSEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. 2		landed 1210
SOGLMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRAPP, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
JENSEN, BUNNER, SGT.		
GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 8	441st	01
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 1		0822 TOOK OFF
TAKEN, BOMB. F/O 7		landed 1210
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
TURPEN, ADIO, Sgt.		
TUFTE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LIEBERMAN, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
CANAN, PILOT, Capt. 13	441st	06
HEEREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off 0823
MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed 1211
BENTAS, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HILL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
RANDOLPH, FLIGHT SURGEON, Capt.		

LAZO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁷ 441st	15
SCHRANTZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. /	took off
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt.	landed 1211
SOLOATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.	
MC GREGOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁸ 441st	14
EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. /	took off 0823
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. /	0823 1211
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.	
RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	64
LYDAY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	took off
SWINDLER, BOMB. Capt.	landed 1212
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt.	
SOMMONSTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt.	
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
FELT, PILOT, Capt. 443rd	70
KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off 0823
ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.	landed 1212
PRIGMORE, NAV. 2nd Lt.	
HAI, ENGINEER, S/gt.	
SZCZEGH, GUNNER, Sgt.	
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/ gt.	
SPEED, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	69
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off 0823
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed 1212
CHANDLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
MENSCH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
CARROLL, PHOTO, Cpl.	
AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	56
PARSONS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off 0824
MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed 1212
LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	
OPFERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	68
MOYER, CO PILOT, Capt.	took off 0824
NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed 1212
OEHLKE, ENGINEER, Cpl.	
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.	
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt.	
WOODHURST, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd	65
NIENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	took off 0824
FURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	landed 1212
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	
LAWRENCE, RADIO, Sgt.	
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.	
MC GOWAN, PHOTO, Sgt.	

HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd
TOWNSEND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt.
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

53
took off 0824
landed
1213

DUGAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt.
LUNDGREN, ENGINEER, Cpl.
BEALE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
GLOWATCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.
CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, Sgt.

50
took off 0824
landed
1217

NIGAUD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 443rd
O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SHERMAN, BOMB.
GORMAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.
SUGGS, GUNNER, Sgt.
MARSELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.

57
took off 0824
landed
1213

SPARES

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PHILLIPS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd
WATSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BROWN, BOMB. S/Sgt.
LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WONG, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

SPARES

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62
took off 0828
landed

1110

PESEK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PROFOS, GUNNER, Sgt.
DETANG, PHOTO, Pvt. (French)

441st

16
took off 0825
landed

1122

Early

Early