

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 323, Day Operation, 23 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Deatly.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:10 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Reed Block at Covigliano, between (M/R: (W) L-841076 and (W) L-843081, GSGS 1164, sheet 98), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early: Spare. 18 B-26's were over the target at 10:06 hours from 11,500' to 10,500' on an axis of 311°. No bombs were dropped, because the target was not identified. 16 x 500# Demolition bombs were salvaged due to emergencies caused by flak; 8 in the target area and 8 in the water. Remainder of the bombs were returned to base. 16 B-26's returned to base at 11:57 hours. 2 B-26's lost; 1 B-26 a/c, Battle No. 94 destroyed on landing at base, due to flak damage; crew is safe.

1 B-26 a/c, Battle No. 97 lost due to flak over the target. It was last seen at 10:05 hours at 44° 05' North/ 11° 22' East, with fire enveloping the right engine and bombay. 3/4 chutes were seen to emerge, and the a/c exploded in mid-air at about 1,000'.

1 B-26 a/c, Battle No. 79 was last seen at 10:13 hours at 44° 07' North/ 11° 34' East. It sustained flak damage, and was heading south on one engine on an approximate axis of 150°, at about 5,000' and apparently under control.

C. Results: None.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Tactical Air Force provided escort of Spitfires and P-47's, in the area.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications: 6 M/T's headed North, a few miles South-West of Portico di Romagna.

c. Flak:

Area	Int.	Type Flak	Accuracy Alt.	Type Def.	Type Fire	Positions - Comments
Between Pirensuola and target	S-M	H	VA	VA	CP	and lasted for several minutes, in bursts of M.6
Hills North of target	I	L	IA	A		on breakaway.
d. <u>Shipping:</u>	None.					

3. Losses: 2 due to flak. Damaged: 5 due to flak; 1 missing due to flak.

4. Weather: Clear and Hazy in all cases.

E. Route: From base to mouth of Ombone River; to Montesarchi; to Stia; left to S. Codensa, IP; to target; breakaway right; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: Crew Members missing in action, together with rank, serial number, and position, are as follows:

A/G: B-26 G5, Battle No. 97, Regular No. 43-94240;

<u>Crew Position:</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Pilot	Wilbert L. Weier	1st Lt.	0-688802
Co-Pilot	William H. Hallenbeck	E/O	T-62069
Bombardier	Joseph E. Heteujany	Sgt.	32337357
Radio Operator	Ray T. Ivey	S/Sgt.	34447308
Engineer Gunner	Albert A. Giuffre	S/Sgt.	32145242
Tail Gunner	Walter E. Kadel	Sgt.	32741967
Photographer	Hilary R. Yavorosky	S/Sgt.	33186876

A/G: B-26 B50, Battle No. 79, Regular No. 42-95946;

Pilot	Richard H. Driscoll	1st Lt.	0-691090
Co-Pilot	John J. Maher	2nd Lt.	0-705987
Bombardier	James T. Ryan	Cpl.	12225534
Radio Gunner	Russell L. Fleming	S/Sgt.	35633471
Radio Operator	Robert E. Clark	S/Sgt.	15115003
Engineer Gunner	Alfred A. Smith	Cpl.	12054483
Tail Gunner	Charles H. De Witt	S/Sgt.	13044081
Photographer	Michael J. Ciniello	Sgt.	32468438

WILLIAM COOK,
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MISSION #338 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. DEATLY 23 August 1944

		28 HYATE "A"	
RUNWAY LINE UP	38 CARRAHER	LISTED	31 ABERNATHY
38	Friend		SPANN
28	-----	"B"	-----
31		27 ESTES	
	48 SPRAWLING	Lyman	44 PORCYNALUK
48	Hahn		Hood
27	-----	"C"	-----
44		33 BARNARD	
	30 ALLEN	Burns	40 MOONEY
30	Roberts		MILLISCHER
33	-----	"D"	-----
40	<i>EXPLODED</i>	80 BIRLINGHAM	
	97 WEIER	HELLER	85 RAIAGE
85	Hetenjery		DUKE
80	-----	"E"	-----
94		93 HALLOND	
	83 HISEY	Dziedzic	91 CHUMIS
91	Goldman		Gleason
93	-----	"F"	-----
83		77 STERNS	
	81 KREUZER	Nelson	79 DRISCOLL
79	Drevas		Ryan
77	-----		<i>WENT INTO CECINA DAMAGED</i>
81	SPARES:		
	37 WELSH	89 TRILLI	
	Hard	Hoopie	
37	-----		-----
89			

RADIO:
320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH
FIGHTERS

0200-0800
0800-1400
1400-2000
2000-0200

FLARE COLORS
YELLOW & YELLOW
YELLOW & YELLOW RED
YELLOW & YELLOW
GREEN & YELLOW

FIGHTER-BOEMER CALLS
Channel "A"

0200-0800
0800-1400
1400-2000
2000-0200

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS
CHALLENGE REPLY
O B
P C
Q I
W J

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 23 August 1944

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ² 442nd		28 1157
MC KAY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁷		took off 0810
OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. ⁵⁴		landed
MEHAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt. ⁴⁵		
DEATLY, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. ⁵⁴		
KING, ENGINEER, Pvt.		
DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ³ 442nd		31
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁸		took off 0810
SPANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ²⁸		landed 1157
KING, NAV. 1st Lt. ⁵⁷		
ELIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
DURAN, GUNNER, Pvt.		
GARSAHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁶ 442nd		38
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁸		took off 0810
FRIEND, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1157
PENTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
BESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RODGERS, GUNNER, Sgt. T/Sgt.		
LA FORREST, ENGINEER , PHOTO, Cpl.		
ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ²⁴ 442nd		27
SCHANE, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. ¹		took off 0811
LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. ⁴⁵		landed 1157+
MANNING, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
DANKO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
RYE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁷ 442nd		44
INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵		took off 0811
HOOD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁴		landed 1157+
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FORREST, RADIO, S Sgt.		
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SPRADLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹³ 442nd		48
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹³		took off 0811
HAUN, NAV. 2nd Lt. ¹		landed 1157+
PEARL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GLENDEMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NEMLER, GUNNER , S/Sgt.		
FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BARAMRD, PILOT, 1st Lt. ^{C 2} 442nd		33
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁹		took off 0811
BURNS, BOMB 2nd Lt. ²⁴		landed 1156
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

MOONEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17	442nd	25
ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 57		took off 0811
MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1155
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
NEWTON, RADIO, Pvt.		
DEMSKI, GUNNER, Pvt.		
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8	444th	89
LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 0811
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed 1158
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
SIXX		
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	444th	80
DAWKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15		took off 0812
HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 39		landed 1210
WEBB, NAV. 2nd Lt. 22		
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PER-Y, RADIO, T Sgt.		
MOSKOWITZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43	444th	85
FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0812
DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 19		landed 1200
MICHELS, NAV. 1st Lt. 61		
COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ENGLEHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
WEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 65	444th	97
HALLENBECK, CO PILOT, F/O 3		took off 0812
BETENJANY, BOMB. SGT.		landed
GUUFFRE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
IVEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KADEL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
YAVOROSKY, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
<i>down over target</i>		
HAMMOND, PILOT, Capt. 18	444th	93
WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14		took off 0812
DZ EDZIC, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed 1214
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BOSS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
GHINIS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	444th	91
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2		took off 0812
GLEASON, BOMB.		landed 1214
KELLEY, ENGINEER,		
SHROLL, RADIO,		
BROWN, GUNNER,		
HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 31	444th	83
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0812
GOLDMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7		landed 1214
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MUSA, GUNNER, Pvt.		
GLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		

STEARNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 51
WELBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10
NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.
RAMIREZ, GUNNER,

4414th 94
took off 0813
landed 1200

crashed on landing

DRISCOLL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 52
HARER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1
RYAN, BOMB. Cpl.
CINIELLO, PHOTO, Sgt.
SMITH, ENGINEER, Cpl.
FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.
DEWITT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CLARK, RADIO, S/Sgt.

4414th 79
took off 0813
landed

Missing
later turned up at Ceina

KREUZER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 36
WALDROP, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30
DREVAS, BOMB. Sgt.
RANKIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.
TKACH, GUNNER, Cpl.
WOLCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

4414th 81
took off 0813
landed 1200

WELCH, PILOT, 1st Lt. ✓
GLES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ✓

442nd 37
~~NO TAKE OFF~~ took off - 1813 ✓
landed - 0957