

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 324, Day Operation, 24 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Col. Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 15:05 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Montpellier Railroad Bridge (M/R: (B) 9-260486, sheet 12Q, GSGS 4249), France. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 loss of power. 27 B-26's were over the target and 27 B-26's dropped 108 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 17:23 hours from 8,700' to 8,200' on an Axis of 155°T. 24 B-26's returned to base at 17:24 hours; 2 B-26's returned to base late at 19:57 hours and 20:35 hours, after escorting and circling a/c in trouble. 1 B-26 lost due to engine failure. A/C fell out of formation just after the target with two other B-26's escorting and it lost altitude to 400', when 5 crew members parachuted at 17:40 hours at 43° 10' North/ 04° 40' East. The last man jumped just before a/c hit the water and his chute was not seen to open. Escorting a/c crews reported 5 objects on the water. Escorting a/c circled for 75 minutes, attempting to contact sector control, finally were able to contact "COLGATE" at 18:55 hours. These a/c dropped rafts, "Gibson Girl", smoke bombs, and dye, stopped at Algare, which reported warships in the vicinity had been notified.

C. Results: The target was covered with an excellent pattern of bombs scoring several direct hits.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: No a/c, enemy or friendly were seen.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General: Active factory just South-East of Ganges at 17:13 hours.
- b. Communications:

- (1) 30/40 M/T moving North into St. Hippolyte at 17:13 hours.
 - (2) 3 M/T headed East into Montpellier at 17:13 hours.
 - (3) 30 bombed RR cars at Montpellier M/Y's.
 - (4) 35 car train, 2 locomotives on south end, 2 miles South of Montpellier, at 17:24 hours. Appeared to have been bombed.
 - (5) 2 ten car trains, stationary, appeared to have been bombed, 2 miles East of Montpellier at 17:24 hours.
 - (6) 5 M/T headed North-East toward Nimes at 17:20 hours.
- c. Flek: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 10 barges just inland from south end of Canal de Picouis at 17:30 hours.
(2) 1 medium M/V at Palavas les Flots at 19:25 hours.

3. Losses: 1 due to engine trouble. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: clear but hazy.
b. Target: open, with slight haze.
c. Return: AS enroute.

E. Routes: Base to landfall at Ferris; to just East of Montpellier; to St. Hippolyte; to Canges; to I.P., St. Martin DE Londres; to target; to base.

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

A/C: P-26, Battle No. 16, Regular No. A2-95768,

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Serial</u>
Pilot	Harry E. Jenkins	2nd Lt.	0-606077
Co-Pilot	Rea M. Cinnamon	2nd Lt.	6-683966
Bombardier	James H. Mc Call	E/O	7-121811
Radio Gunner	Otto A. Trapp	S/Sgt.	36004934
Engineer Gunner	Clarence J. Zogman	S/Sgt.	17020822
Tail Gunner	John L. Jensen	Sgt.	39000886
Photographer	Daniel (MCI) Lieberman	S/Sgt.	120A3549

Additional Comments: Correct Mission Narrative Report No. 323, of 23 August 1944, as follows:

One Squadron did not drop because of failure to identify the target. The other Squadron's lead bombardier identified the target, but bomb-rack malfunction in lead a/c prevented bombing by this Squadron.

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Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 339 FIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. MURPHY: 24 AUGUST 1944.

		ACKINS	
RUNWAY LINE UP		62 McCARTNEY	WIKS
59	52	57 Murray	56 LUKAN
62		LAMB	
56		66 Davis	WES
65	68	6 Salzer	69 Sulow
66		AYERS	
69		MORAN	SHERMAN
63		65 Hallard	67 Peterson
50		WILHELM	
53		71 POLAKOV	WACHTER
21		17. DeLucci	21. Paraxino
11		CAHAN	
17		JUNKINS	SULLIVAN
01		16. McCall	01. Streaty
06		MYERS	
16		MACGREGOR	ASHER
03		08. Taken	03. Deyer
09		CLAYBOUGH	
08		THORNTON	ABERNATHY
44		44. Westbrook	31 SPANN
27		GREGG	
31		ALLEN	STERN
48		48. Chamberlin	38 Villa
37		BAKER	
38		MOONEY	PORCYNAULK
33		33. Hood	43. Wilischer
28		SPARES	
43		CLARK	
25		SPRADLING	KLUG
51		25. Haun	23. Vicha
23		GROUND SPARES	
		57 (-68) (15)	

 * RADIO CALL SIGNS*
 * 320th GROUP *
 * "TOPNOTCH" *
 * FIGHTERS *
 * TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS *
 * CHANNEL "A" *
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 24 AUGUST 1944.

TIME	FLAME COLORS
0200-0800	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
1400-2000	RED & GREEN
2000-0200	RED & YELLOW

 ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	F	Q
0800-1400	S	J
1400-2000	Y	H
2000-0200	G	L

MISSION # 339 FLIGHT COMMANDER: LT. COL. HAZEN: 24 AUGUST 1944.

RUNWAY LINE UP		
59	HECKLER	SWINDLER ^{64 SWINDLER}
62		
56	SPEED	WESF
65	Belzer	W. Palmer
66		HILL
69	McC	SHENK
63	Holland	Robinson
50		
53	PESEK	WACHTER
21	Chelucci	Paraxino
11		
17	JUNKINS	SULLIVAN
01	16 McCall	Ol Stearny
06		
16	MACFEGOR	ASHER
03	08 Taken	09 Dwyer
09		
08	THORNTON	ABERNATHY
44	Westbrook	SPADON
27		
31	ALLEN	STERN
48	Chamberlin	Willa
37		
38	MOONEY	POCZYNAUK
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* "TOPNOTCH" *	0800-1400	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
* FIGHTERS *	1400-2000	RED & GREEN
* TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS	2000-0200	RED & YELLOW
* CHANNEL "A" *	ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS	
* * * * *	TIME	CHALLENGE REPLY
	0200-0800	F Q
	0800-1400	S J
	1400-2000	Y H
	2000-0200	G L

CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 24 AUGUST 1944.

CREWS

SQUADRON

PLANE NUMBER AND TAKE OFF

Ritchey, Pilot, 1st Lt. 59 443rd
 Dugan, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 64
 Swindler, Bombardier, Captain, 57
 Brooks, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 27
 Just, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Callahan, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. (1)
 Lawrence, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Macia, Flight commander; Lt. Col.

64
 Took off 1505
 Landed 1924

Weeks, Pilot, 1st Lt. 58 443rd
 Connelly, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1142
 Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 34
 Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt. 32 (2)
 Harmon, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Queen, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Perkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.
 Cafarella, Dfc. Captain,

56
 Took off 1505
 Landed 1924

Hedkler, 1st Lt. Pilot, 39 443rd
 Watson, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 12
 Murray, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 9 (3)
 Troutman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Talsky, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Purtz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Carroll, Aerial photographer, Cpl.

52
 Took off 1505
 Landed 1924

Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. 58 443rd
 Kotas, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 11 (4)
 Davis, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 19
 Lamoureux, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Glowatch, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
 Douchette, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

66
 Took off 1505 1/2
 Landed 1925

West, Pilot, Captain, 10 443rd
 Mosby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 10 (5)
 Bulow, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 23
 Devlin, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Propst, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Orr, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

69
 Took off 1505 1/2
 Landed 1925

Speed, Pilot, 1st Lt. 41 443rd
 Swifts, Swift, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 12
 Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. (6)
 Chandler, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
 Wagner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Mensch, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
 Christiansen, Aerial photographer, Cpl. (7)

68
 Took off 1505 1/2
 Landed 1925

Sherwood, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14 443rd
 Moyer, Co, Pilot, Captain, 3
 Peterson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 3
 Lally, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
 Molsenbocker, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
 Wong, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

53
 Took off 1506
 Landed 1925

P Clark #0 -51
 CP Hille 11
 B Howe 19
 E Harsteller
 R Kimmung
 G Barry

Moran, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁴⁷	443rd	63
Krimm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁴		Took off 1506
Holland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹¹		Landed
Williams, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		1925+
Ross, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Haskins, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Cpl.		
Wilhelm, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵¹	441st	11
Held, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁶³		Took off 1507
Polakov, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁴⁸		Landed
Barton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1926
Kramer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Craig, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Wachter, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁵	443rd	21
Cole, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁷		Took off 1507
Ferrandino, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰		Landed
Sipere, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ⁵		1926
Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Breznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Marinelli, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Pesek, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	17
Pratt, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1507
Chelucci, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed
Fulk, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1742
Youssi, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Profos, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Bostie, Aerial photographer, cpl.		
Cahan, Pilot, captain, ¹⁴	441st	06
Schwartz, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ²		Took off 1508
Vollmer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹²		Landed
Bentas, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1957
Geronimos, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hill, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Sullivan, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	01
Arnsdorff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off
Junkins, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰	441st	16
Cinnamon, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁷		Took off 1508
McCall, Bombardier, F/O ⁷		Landed
Zogelman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Trapp, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Jensen, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Leiberman, Aerial photographer,		
Myers, Pilot, 1st Lt. ³⁷	441st	9
Frankel, Co, Pilot, F/O ⁵		Took off 1509
O'Connell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹⁵		Landed
Gulliver, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		1926+
Tipton, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Wilson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

*Early return
no credit*

THIS PLANE DID NOT TAKE OFF

*Bailed out
off coast of
France*

Asher, Pilot, 1st Lt. ³⁴ 441st 15
Kithcart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁵ Took off 15 12
Dever, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ⁶ Landed 1926+

McGregor, Pilot, 1st Lt. ¹⁴ 441st 23
Zierk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁵ Took off 1509
Vicha, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 20:44
Strand, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Zepeda, Radio Gunner, pl.
Vosler, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Claybough, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁶ 442nd 27
Robertson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁶⁰ Took off 1508½
Montez, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁴⁵ Landed 1927
Teich, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ⁵⁰
Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Abernathy, Pilot, 1st Lt. ³² 442nd 31
McKay, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ^{5-F} Took off 1508½
Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ²⁹ Landed 1927
Wernick, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰
Bollinger, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Malburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Kiel, Aerial gunner, Pfc.

Thornton, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁶² 442nd 44
Ober, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ³⁹ Took off 1508½
Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl. Landed 1927
Manning, ~~Radio Gunner~~ Engineer gunner,
Marsh, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Earl, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
DeTang, Aerial photographer, Pvt.

Gregg, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁸ 442nd 37
Giles, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁷ Took off 1509
Lyman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁴⁶ Landed 1927+
McCurley, Engineer gunner, Pvt.
Krause, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
McMier, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

Stern, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁴³ 442nd 38
Vanderburg, Co, Pilot, F/O ³⁶ Took off 1509
Vila, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ¹⁶ Landed 1927+
Poshek, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Fisher, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Mescrole, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Allen, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁴⁷ 442nd 48
McNamara, ~~Bombardier~~ Co Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 1509½
Chamberlin, Bombardier, S/sgt. Surbian, Engineer gunner Cpl. Landed 1927+
Simec, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Chapman, Aerial gunner, Frank, Aerial photo Sgt

Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. 36
Mayfield, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 17
Roberts, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 5
McCully, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Savenetti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

28
Took off 1510
Landed
1928

Percynaluk, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 38
Childs, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 7
Militscher, Bombardier, Sgt.
Margolis, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Newton, Aerial gunner, Pvt.
Demaki, Engineer gunner, pvt.
Knauer, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.

43
Took off 1510
Landed
1928

Mooney, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 18
Rojnovsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14
Hood, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 5
Panton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Bessire, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Rodgers, Aerial gunner,
Cooney, Radio Operator, T/sgt.

47
Took off 1510
Landed
1928

Klug, Pilot, 1st Lt. 39
Zierk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 5
Vicha, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Strand, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Zepda, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
Vosler, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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441st

23
Took off 1508
Landed
2044

Spradling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 13
La Chasse, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 15
Haun, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 2
Walden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Orgeron, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Seiler, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

25
Took off 1511
Landed
1926

Hill, Pilot 1st Lt.
Bennett, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Furvis, Bombardier,
Luper, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Radio Gunner, Sgt. Hoyne,
Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

443rd

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no credit

50
1511
1645