

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 325, Day Operation, 25 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Numallee.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 09:20 hours, 19 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Road Bridge North-East of Lunel (M/R: (B) 9-473564, GSGS 4249, Sheet 120), France. 1 B-26 returned early; spare. 18 B-26's were over the target and 17 B-26's dropped 136 x 500# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 seconds delay fuses) on the target at 11:41 hours from 8,600' to 8,100' on an axis of 330°T, on the second bomb run on the target. No bombs were dropped on the first run, because the lead bombardiers were not satisfied with the bomb run. 8 x 500# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 18 B-26's returned to base at 13:53 hours. No B-26's lost or missing.

C. Results: A good pattern of bombs landed on the bridge. Observation after the bombing and photos confirm that the South-West half of the bridge and approach were destroyed.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

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

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) 3 oil storage tanks at Lunel.
- (2) 6 heavy gun positions just East of the mouth of the Petit

Phone river.

b. Communications:

- (1) Train of 50 cars headed North, just south of Almergues, at 11:30 hours.
- (2) Train of 15 RR cars, stationary, between Lunel and target, at 11:30 hours.
- (3) 3 strings of 20 RR cars each at Vergese.
- (4) 75 RR cars at Le Caillar.
- (5) 6 M/T headed North-East out of Lunel, at 11:30 hours.
- (6) 30/40 M/T, stationary, south of Boisseron at 11:34 hours.
- (7) 35 RR cars at Ville Vieille Gommieres.
- (8) 150 RR cars and 2 locomotives with steam up at Lunel, at 11:30 hours.
- (9) 25 M/T, stationary, at St. Muret Du-Gard.
- (10) 200 RR cars and several stationary locomotives, at Montpellier at 11:36 hours.

- c. Flak: None.
- d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Clear but hazy.
- b. Target: Clear but hazy.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to landfall and I.P., mouth of Petit Rhone River; first bomb run, (no bombs dropped) to target; curve left to I.P., mouth of Petit Rhone River; breakaway left to St. Mamert-Du-Gard; to Carnas; to mouth of Petit Rhone river; to base.

F. Comments: N/C, Battle #79, reported missing, 23 August, 1944, is now accounted for. The right engine was knocked out by flak and it landed at Cedina on single engine. N/C is now there; crew has returned. Two crew members were injured by flak.

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MISSION # ~~340~~ 340 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. MURKIN 25 August 1944

RUNWAY LINE-UP

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RADIO: 320th TOPNOTCH Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS Channel "A"

76 <u>ITTMAN</u> <u>Diedie</u>	86 <u>JOHNSON</u> <u>POCEN</u>	85 <u>RAJAGE</u> <u>LEWIS</u>
95 <u>LOREY</u> <u>Baker</u>	83 <u>HARRIMAN</u> <u>W. G. B.</u>	91 <u>KOLANSKY</u> <u>BROOKS</u>
78 <u>WALTON</u> <u>Treyenberg</u>	73 <u>HESBY</u> <u>S. J. M. B.</u>	89 <u>POLLING</u> <u>Hooper</u>
69-52 <u>WEST, Lt</u> <u>Sherman</u>	61 <u>ACKERMAN</u> <u>J. C. CARTNEY</u>	66 <u>LAIB</u> <u>DAVIS</u>
57 <u>WOODHURST</u> <u>W. G. B.</u>	50 <u>WEST</u> <u>W. G. B.</u>	68 <u>WIKKALA</u> <u>HORTON</u>
60 <u>NI COUD</u> <u>W. G. B.</u>	70 <u>HAGEL</u> <u>W. G. B.</u>	51 <u>OPPENHEIM</u>
	81 <u>BRESCHT</u>	63 <u>BENNETT</u> <i>early</i>

TIME 10:00
FAIR WEATHER
RED & BLUE
RED & BLUE
RED & BLUE
YELLOW & BLACK

ALONG TOP SIGNALS
UNUSUAL DENSITY

0800-0900		
0900-1000		
1000-1100		
1100-1200		
1200-1300		
1300-1400		
1400-1500		
1500-1600		
1600-1700		
1700-1800		
1800-1900		
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2100-2200		
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2400-0100		
0100-0200		

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 25 August 1944:

	CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.		
10	ACKERMAN, PILOT, CAPT. 51	443rd	62		
	DUGAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 65		took off 0921		
	MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. 42		landed 1356		
	TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 51				
	JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, T Sgt.				
	LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
	LAMB, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59				
	KOTAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12				
	11		DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 30		64
FRICMORE, NAV. 2nd Lt. 10		took off 0921			
LANOUREUX, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		landed 1356			
GLOWATCH, RADIO, T/Sgt.					
DOUCETTES, GUNNER, Sgt.					
12	WEST, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47	443rd	69		
	ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off 0921		
	SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1356		
	MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
	HARRISON, RADIO, Sgt.				
	WARD, GUNNER, Sgt.				
	MC GOWAN, PHOTO, Cpl.				
	13		WEST, PILOT, Capt. 21	443rd	50
	WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11		took off 0922		
	MAIZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20		landed 1357		
DEVLIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.					
PROBST, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
ORR, GUNNER, Cpl.					
14	WIRKKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41	443rd	68		
KOMOREKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6	took off 0922				
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9	landed 1357				
ELLES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.					
BELL, RADIO, Cpl.					
WOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
15	WOODRUFF, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43		443rd	57	
OHARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8	took off 0922				
HEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7	landed 1357				
OSIELKE, ENGINEER, Cpl.					
DE VERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
SCHLESBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt.					
COLLINS, PHOTO, Sgt.					
16	HARREL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36	443rd		70	
TOWNSEND, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10	took off 0922				
GREENE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 7	landed 1357				
CONNEY, ENGINEER, S Sgt.					
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
MELE, GUNNER, S Sgt.					
17	OPPERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41		443rd	51	
MOYER, CO PILOT, Capt. 4	took off 0922				
PETERSON, BOMB. 1st Lt. 4	landed 1358				
EUNFGREN, ENGINEER, Sgt.					
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
KEES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.					
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt.					
CARROLL, PHOTO, CPL.					

18	NICOND, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 34 MEMBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 43 FIELDS, ENGINEER, Sgt. ROSS, RADIO, Cpl. FORD, GUNNER, Cpl. GIES, RADIO, T/Sgt.	443rd	60 took off 0922 landed 1358
1	JOHNSON, PILOT, Capt. 60 CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 42 POGAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 57 DELAHER, NAV. 1st Lt. 43 MC QUARIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt. PAUL, GUNNER, Sbt. MUNNALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 42	444th	88 took off 0920 landed 1353
2	HARRAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22 DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20 DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 54 LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROSS, GUNNER, Cpl. CARRASHER, DFC, 1st Lt.	444th	85 took off 0920 landed 1353
3	TRUES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 LAMPMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 DZIEDZIC, BOMB. T/Sgt. DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl. SHROLL, RADIO, Cpl. BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt. LINDQUIST, X, Sgt.	444th	76 took off 0920 landed 1353
4	HASSOND, PILOT, Capt. 19 SHERMAN, CO PILOT, F/O 14 ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 43 BAUER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. RAENES, RADIO, Cpl. WELLS, GUNNER, Cpl.	444th	83 took off 0920 landed 1354
5	KAMANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5 BEBBE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6 GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt. FRENED, RADIO, S/Sgt. REMERIEZ, GUNNER, Cpl. WOODWARD, OBS. 1st Lt.	444th	91 took off 0920 landed 1354
6	LOGSDON, PILOT, 4 JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 4 BELKER, BOMB. VARETT, ENGINEER, DELUCA, RADIO, VILLNES, GUNNER, CLYDE, PHOTO,	444th	95 took off 0920 landed 1354
7	<u>HISBY, PILOT</u> , 13 -93-	444TH DID NOT T.O.	
8	POLLING, PILOT, 13 PERRINE, CO PILOT, 8 HOOPER, BOMB. 4 LARDE, ENGINEER, RUBBELL, RADIO, WIGGILL, GUNNER,	444th	89 took off 0920 landed 1354

9
 WALDROF, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³¹ 444th 78
 KREUZER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ³⁷ took off 0921
 WEYENBERG, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1355
 RANKIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.
 TROCH, RADIO, Cpl.
 WOLCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.

SPARES

SPARES
 BENNETT, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 BIRNELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
 HAZEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 HENDRICKS, RADIO, Cpl.
 CHARLESON, GUNNER, Cpl.

SPARES

443rd
 Early -
 no credit.

SPARES

63
 took off 0923
 landed 1301

SPARES

BRESETTE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 WILLIAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
 DELCO, ENGINEER, SGT.
 JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th
 Filled in
 position
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SPARES

81
 took off 0921
 landed 1355