

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 326. Day Operation, 26 August 1944

Flight Commander: Lt. Carraher.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:50 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb CD guns on the Ile Ratennean (N/R; (B) T-408134, CGCS 4249, about 14R), France. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 spare; 1 propeller governor out. 26 B-26's were over the target and 26 B-26's dropped 54 x 2,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 x .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:40 hours from 9,200' to 8,700' on an axis of 350°E. 26 B-26's returned to base at 12:20 hours. 1 B-26 is lost. Aircraft collided in mid-air with another aircraft and spun in at 43° 00' North/ 05° 20' East. One chute was seen to emerge.

C. Results: A good pattern of bombs covered the target area, scoring several probable direct hits and near misses on the gun positions.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

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

2. Ground:

- a. General: None.
- b. Communications: None.
- c. Flak:

Cap Mejean: Slight, Heavy, Inaccurate, Inaccurate, CP fire.

Marselles: Slight, Light, Inaccurate, Inaccurate, fire from the

dock area.

Heavy flak, 15/20 bursts only - encountered on the breakaway.

- d. Shipping: 1 large M/V in harbor between I. Ratennean and I. Pomegues.

3. Losses: 1 to mid-air collision. Damaged: 1 to mid-air collision.

4. Weather:

- a. Enroute: Very scattered stratus at 9,500'.
- b. Target: Clear but hazy.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Base to I.P., 43° 00' North, 05° 20' East; to target; breakaway left; to base.

F. Comments: Correction on Intelligence Narrative No. 323, 23 August 1944: Aircraft, Battle No. 79, first reported as missing, later reported landed at Cecina on single-engine, still was missing one crew member, an extra Radio-Operator. On the bomb run, a burst of flak hit the right horizontal stabilizer and crew member bailed out at 44° 04' North/ 11° 30' East. Subsequent hit knocked out right engine. Aircraft flew south in valley which Picomano is located, across the battle line, losing altitude at the rate of 200' per minute, and encountered almost continuous light flak to the battle line. The battle line was crossed at 4,000'. Cecina is reported to have ambulance, crash wagon, Evacuation Hospital, Field and Station Hospital within three miles. Name, Rank, and Serial Number of the missing crew member is as follows:

Robert E. Clark, S/Sgt., 1AM-1511509.

Crew Members missing in action, together with Name, Rank, Serial Number, and Position, are as follows:

MC: B-26 B50, Battle No. 87, Regular No. 43-95904:

<u>Crew Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Pilot	A. B. Sterns	1st Lt.	0-753450
Co-Pilot	E. J. Liebendorfer	2nd Lt.	0-713017
Bombardier	A. R. Schroeder	2nd Lt.	0-712017
Radio Gunner	V. S. Lyrez	Sgt.	36654728
Engineer Gunner	J. F. Lauth	S/Sgt.	32108424
Tail Gunner	R. H. Walcott	Cpl.	35953195

WILLIAM COOK,
Major, Air Corps,
Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 340 FLIGHT COMMANDER: -----
 RUNWAY LINE-UP

26 AUGUST 19

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SCOTT
08 Cocker

"A"
CORNELIUS
23 TRAYNOR

MERRILL
11 GARVEY

O'MAHONEY
01 Miarbella

"B"
BORDEN
09 Anderson

LAZO
03 Chelucci

WILSON
21 Kingsbury

"C"
BEAVES
70 Lever

GRALA
17 Kwatkosky

TRIMM
83 Belker

"D"
ROMAGE
08 DRAKE

BRESETTE
85 Williams

FOLING
78 Hooper

"E"
HISEY
93 Hatcher

LOGSDON
69 Bennett

SULLIVAN
91 Schmidt.

"F"
STERN
87 Schroeder

KAMANSKY
82 Beebe

ROBERTSON
40 Miller

"G"
BOTTOMLEY
34 PHILLIPS

ABERNATHY
27 YOUNG

PORCYMAJUK
48 Farwell

"H"
MCLOUGAL
45 Roberts

ALLEN
47 Hathaway

THORNTON
44 Westbrook

"I"
~~BROWN~~ *Estes*
31 Haun

MCKAY
46 Friend

WILLIAMS R. L.
43 Chamberlin

"J"
SPARES
BEDNARZ
68 Elman

LAMPMAN
81 Westbrook

GROUND SPARES
(69) (76) (28)

* RADIO CALL SIGNS *
* 320th GROUP *
* "TOPNOTCH" *
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* FIGHTERS *
* "TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS" *
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* CHANNEL "A" *

* COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 26 AUGUST 1944. *
* TIME FLARE COLORS *
* 0200-0800 RED & GREEN *
* 0800-1400 RED & RED RED *
* 1400-2000 RED & RED *
* 2000-0200 GREEN & GREEN *

* ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS *
* TIME CHALLENGE *
* 0200-0800 M L *
* 0800-1400 Y D *
* 1400-2000 O Z *
* 2000-0200 G H *

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 26 August 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
CORNELIUS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59	441st	23
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 37		took off 0850
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 20		landed 1221
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 40		
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
RENCERAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
 , FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 7		
<i>Carrahan.</i>	<i>LT.</i>	
MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 40	441st	11
STEIER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0850
HARVEY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 23		landed 1221
HANDY, NAV. 1st Lt. 56		
SOLDATI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPIESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TUFTE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 20	441st	8
KAUFMAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0850
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1221
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
FRASER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
STIPE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
BOSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl.		
BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 95	441st	9
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off 0850
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11		landed 1221
MAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, T/Sgt.		
LAZO, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 38	441st	3
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. /		took off 0850
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/gt.		landed 1227
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Cpl.		
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WENDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.		
OMANONY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11	441st	1
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 33		took off 0850
MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		landed 1221
LEAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ROCKABRND, RADIO, S/sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BLU, RADIO, Sgt.		
RAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	441st	70
BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 0807
LIEBER, BOMB. 1st Lt. 2		landed 1221
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TANDERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.		

GRALA, PILOT, F/O 14 441st 17
MC CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 11 took off 0851
KWIAKOWSKI, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1221
FURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.

WILSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 441st 21
SHEERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 2 took off 0851
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3 landed 1221
STRAND, ENGINEER, Sgt.
CAMAZONETTA, RADIO, Sgt.
TAMESTINAS, GUNNER, Cpl.

RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44 441st 88
VIEBROCK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23 took off 0851
KRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21 landed 1222
DAY, NAV. 2nd Lt. 20
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

85 BRESSETTE, PILOT 444th 85 NO TAKE OFF
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10 444th 83
WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 took off 1851
BELKER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ?- landed 1222
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Cpl.
SMROLL, RADIO, Cpl.
BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.
LINDQUIST, X, Sgt.

HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32 444th 93
JONES, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 10 55- took off 1852
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 1223
CLARK, ENGINEER, Sgt.
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
POLANO, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
BOSS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

LOGSDON, PILOT, 444th 89
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, took off 1852
BENNETT, BOMB. landed 1033
JANETT, ENGINEER, EARLY
DELUCA, RADIO,
VILINGS, GUNNER,

POLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14 444th 76
PERKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 took off 1852
HOOVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5 landed 1223
DUFFELL, ENGINEER, Cpl.
MUMFALL, RADIO, Sgt.
HULETT, GUNNER, PFC.

STEARNS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 32 444th 87
LIEBENDORFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2 took off 1852
SCHROEDER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8 landed
DYRCZ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
LAUTH, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WOLCOTT, GUNNER, Cpl.

KAMANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 444th 82
FORD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6 took off 0852
BEEBY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7 landed 1223
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt. FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt. RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Cpl. CLITES, PHOT.

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South of French coast

SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10	442nd	91	
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7		took off	0852
SCHMIDT, BOMB. F/O. 9		landed	1220
THAIN, ENGINEER, Cpl.			
DAY, RADIO, Cpl.			
WELLS, GUNNER, Sgl.			
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 56	442nd	34	
GILES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 8		took off	0853
PHILLIPS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 47		landed	1223
MOQUOT, NAV. 1st Lt. 10			
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
MOORE, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HALL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.			
ABERNATHY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 33	442nd	27	
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off	0813
YOUNES, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 25		landed	1225
ENGLISH, NAV. 2nd Lt. 13			
PURMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
JERGSON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
BURNS, GUNNER, PFC.			
ROBERTSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 01	442nd	40	
HOWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14		took off	0853
MILLER, BOMB. Cpl.		landed	1223
MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
NEWTON, RADIO, Cpl.			
DEMSKI, GUNNER, Pvt.			
HAYES, PHOTO, Pvt.			
MC DOUGAL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39	442nd	45	
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14		took off	0854
ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 6		landed	1224
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
COONEY, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
PURDY, GUNNER, Cpl.			
ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 76	442nd	47	
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10		took off	0854
HATHAWAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		landed	1224
MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
GLASE, RADIO, Sgt.			
CORZINE, GUNNER, Sgt.			
PORCYNALUK, PILOT, Lt. 39	442nd	48	
STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12		took off	0854
FARWELL, BOMB. SGT.		landed	1224
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
SNEAPER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
HARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
LA FOREST, PHOTO, Cpl.			
ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25	442nd	31	
INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off	0854
HAWN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3		landed	1225
ELIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
GLENDENENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MIKELSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

MC KAY, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵⁹ 42nd
ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁵
FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.
KRAUSE, E. RADIO, S/Sgt.
MC CUL Y, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SAVENETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER,

46
took off 0854
landed 1225

THORNTON, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁶³ 42nd
SCHEANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ²
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Cpl.
HOWARD, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
MARSH, RADIO, T/Sgt.
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

44
took off 10854
landed 1225

SPARES

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WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁵² 42nd
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁶
CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Cpl.
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

43
took off
took off 0900 1222
landed

LAMPMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰ 44th
SALMONSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁵
WESTBROOK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. ⁷
HARDY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
HARRINGTON, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MOSS, GUNNER, Cpl.

81
took off 0855
landed 1223

BEDNAEZ, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41st
LAMPIC, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
WYAT E, ENGINEER, Sgt.
ZEPEDA, RADIO, Sgt.
HUBBAGE, GUNNER, Sgt.

68
took off 0855
landed 1850

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