

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 330. Day Operation. 31 August 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Berge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 07:57 hours, 29 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb the Railroad Bridge at Legnago (M/R: (R) F-893257, GSGS 4164, sheet 63), Italy. 3 B-26's returned early: 2 spares; 1 engine cutting out. 26 B-26's were over the target and 25 B-26's dropped 99 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:53 hours from 9,100' to 8,600' on an Axis of 310°T. 1 x 1,000# Demolition bomb was dropped just past the target, hitting the East end of a road bridge North of the target. 4 x 1,000# Demolition bombs were returned to base, having hung up over the target. 3 B-26's returned to base at 13:25 hours, and 22 B-26's returned late between 15:12 hours and 18:05 hours, after landing at Ghisonaccia, Corsica, for gas. 1 B-26 is now at Ghisonaccia, Corsica, because of engine trouble; crew returned.

C. Results: Both ends and approaches of the bridge were hit, with possible direct hits scored. One Squadron's bombs landed slightly East and short to the South.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

- (1) No escort was seen.
- (2) 10/12 S/S friendly a/c were seen in vicinity of the mouth of the Po River at 10:33 hours.
- (3) 3 Spitfires escorting 6 B-25's were seen over Borgo Val Di Toro at 11:26 hours.

b. Situation:

- (1) Parma A/D's appeared serviceable.
- (2) 3 small L/C's at Viedana, all empty of aircraft at 11:13 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) One span of RR bridge at Fornova Val Di Toro was being repaired.
- (2) Barracks area in an embankment, 15 buildings, 4 miles South-West of Fornova Val Di Toro.
- (3) Borgo Val Di Toro RR bridge appeared passable.
- (4) RR bridge out at Adria.
- (5) RR bridge out at Acqua Po.

b. Communications:

- (1) 40/50 RR cars at Collecchio.
- (2) 20/30 bombed out RR cars at Fornova Di Toro.
- (3) 50 RR cars at Adria.
- (4) 25/30 RR cars at Legnago.
- (5) 35 RR cars at Serride.
- (6) 2 M/T headed West at Copparo at 10:35 hours.

- (7) 20 RR cars at Costa Di Rovigo.
- (8) 125 RR cars at Reggio Nel Emilia.
- (9) 12 M/T, stationary, just North of Cadelbosco.
- (10) 150 RR cars, 50 of them oil cars, 1 locomotive with steam up facing East, in bombed out M/Y at Parma at 11:18 hours.

(11) 25 RR cars at Caselfranco Dell Emilia.

c. Flak: At Rovigo: Scant, Heavy, Accurate, Inaccurate - 30 bursts in bursts of four. Flashes seen South of town.

d. Shipping:

(1) Submarine at 44° 52' North/ 12° 40' East, headed 60°, was seen to submerge at 10:29 hours.

(2) 5 small river craft at Castelmassa at 11:03 hours.

(3) 5 small river craft 7 miles South-East of Legnago at 10:52 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered cumulus at 3,500'.

b. Target: Clear with haze.

c. Return: As Enroute.

K. Route: Base to landfall at Civitavecchia; to Ancona; to landfall at mouth of Po Di Pila River; to IP, Castalguglielmo; to target; breakaway right; to Badia Polcine; to Mirandola; to Parma; to Monaglia; to Ghisonaccia, Corsica; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION #345 FLIGHT COMMANDER:

31 August 1944

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RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH
Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS
Channel "A"

"A"		
14 WILSON Kingsbury	21 SLITH BRADON	11 HERRILL HAYNOR
03 MAC GREGOR CROLUCCI	07 WIGGINS KILMER	20 PRATT VICKS
08 BULLMAN STREIBY	23 PESEK LEVER	18 ASHER STONE
89 TRILLI Westbrook	88 JOHNSON FOLIN	85 NEEDER GERSHBERG
82 HISEY Bennett	83 TOWNS Goldman	81 LANFIER Wilson
LOGSDON KALINOS	93 HARROND Gleason	95 CHUNIS DELODGE
46 SPERNALCI JEN	34 CLAYBOUGH MONTIZ	37 BARRACLOUGH LIZEN
44 HOONEY Friend	31 BAKER HATHAWAY	38 MC KAY HILTSCHER
48 SPRADLING Westbrook	45 GREGG ELLOR	30 STERN VALLA
06 CAMPY VALLER	94 SALLONSON MEYENBERG	35 MC OMBRE FARWELL

Early
Return

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COLORS OF THE DAY

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

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
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2000-0200	B	D

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON 31 AUGUST 1944.

CREWS BY NAMES	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER.
Smith, Pilot, Captain, 54	441st	21
Myers, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 40		Took off 0757
Barden, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 58		Landed 1325
Handte, navigator, 1st Lt. 57		
Goodman, Engineer Gunner, T/sgt.		
Kirkland, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
EX Steeves, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Berge, Flight commander; Captain, 50		
Merrill, Pilot, 1st Lt. 42	441st	11
Kauffman, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt. 7		Took off 0757
Traynor, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 22		Landed 1513
Cassino, Navigator, 1st Lt. 57		
Soldati, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Forbes, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Tufte, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Wilson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 11	441st	14
Cole, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8		Took off 0757
Kingsbury, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 4		Landed 1512
Hart, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Canzonetta, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Tamesinmas, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Bostic, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Wiggins, Pilot, 1st Lt. 41	441st	07
Bednarz, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 7		Took off 0757 1/2
Elman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 9		Landed 1320
Durate, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Nelsen, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Craig, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Hayes, Aerial photographer, Pvt.		
Pratt, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 12	441st	20
Schranz, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 4		Took off 0757 1/2
Vicha, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Wyatt, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Snow, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Kurabee, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
McGregor, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 15	441st	3
Bowles, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 7		Took off 0757 1/2
Chelucci, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1512
Mullis, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
More, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hughes, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Blue, Aerial photographer, Sgt.		
Pesek, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48	441st	23
Zierk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 7		Took off 0758
Liever, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 4		Landed 1659
Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Youssi, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Profos, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Asher, Pilot, 1st Lt. ³⁵	441st	18
Frankel, Co, Pilot, F/O ⁷		Took off 0758
Stone, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1659
Barton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Rahi, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Raschke, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Sullivan, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	8
Walden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0758
Streaney, Bombardier, S/sgt.	ENGINE CUTTING OFF	Landed 0810
Brush, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spieß, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Loffton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Johnson, Pilot, Captain, ⁶³	444th	88
Waddell, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁶		Took off 0755
Pocan, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁶⁰		Landed 1545
Day, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ²²		
Cocolo, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Chamberlin, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Robinson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Reeder, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁴	854th	88 85
Armstrong, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹		Took off 0755
Glaubitz, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ³⁸		Landed 1325
Michels, Navigator, 1st Lt. ⁶¹		
Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Campbell, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Trim, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹²	444th	89
Smith, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ⁵		Took off 0801
Westbrook, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ⁸		Landed 1545
Dowlen, Engineer gunner, Cpl.		
Sherll, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Wells, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Morey, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁸	444th	83
Catalano, Co, Pilot, F/O ¹²		Took off 0755½
Goldman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ⁹		Landed
Hightower, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Friel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Magner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Lampman, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹²	444th	81
<i>Ellis</i> Ellis Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹¹ <i>Ellis</i>		Took off 0755½
Nelson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ⁹		Landed <i>1606</i>
Hendrick, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Raines, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Buchanan, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

<p> <u>2</u> Hisey, Pilot, 1st Lt. ³⁴ Johnston, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁰ 444th CR-8 Bennett, Bombardier, S/sgt. Clark, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Ferguson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Poland, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Lindquist, Aerial photographer, Sgt. </p>	<p>82 Took off 0755½ Landed 160½</p>
<p> Hammond, Pilot, Captain, ²⁰ 444th Walker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁵ Gleason, Bombardier, Sgt. Sarnex, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Piggott, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Harrington, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. </p>	<p>93 Took off 0756½ Landed 1723</p>
<p> Chunks, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁴¹ 444th Sherman, Co, Pilot, F/S ¹⁶ Dziedzic, Bombardier, T/sgt. Mcquarrie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Witt, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Ross, Aerial gunner, Cpl. </p>	<p>95 Took off 0756½ Landed <i>This missed</i></p>
<p> Logsdon, Pilot, Lt. ¹¹ 4 44th Johnston, Co, Pilot, H. D. Lt. ¹⁰ 8 Cairns, Bombardier, ¹⁰ Kelley, Engineer gunner, Deluca, Radio Gunner, Hulette, Aerial gunner, </p>	<p>76 Took off 0756 Landed 1723</p>
<p> Slaybough, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁵⁷ 442nd Robertson, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁶⁴ Montez, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁴⁶ Mocquot, Navigator, 1st Lt. ¹¹ Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Shermer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. </p>	<p>34 Took off 0758½ Landed 1622</p>
<p> Barraclough, Pilot, 1st Lt. ⁴³ 442nd LaChasse, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁷ Lyman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. ⁴⁸ Wernick, Navigator, 2nd Lt. ¹² Bollinger, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Halburne, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kiel, Aerial gunner, Cpl. </p>	<p>37 Took off 0758 Landed 1622</p>
<p> Steinbach, Pilot, Captain, ¹⁷ 442nd Mayfield, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ¹⁹ Haun, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. ⁴ Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt. Orgeron, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Seiler, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Frank, Aerial photographer, Sgt. </p>	<p>46 Took off 0758½ Landed 1622</p>

Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. 35	442nd	31
Schane, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 35		Took off 0759
Hathway, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 11		Landed 1805
McCully, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Savenetti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Johnson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
McKay, Pilot, 1st Lt. 63	442nd	38
Stutler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14		Took off 0759
Militscher, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1805
Widau, Engineer gunner, Spl.		
Pestorak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Marshall, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Mooney, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 20	442nd	44
Ross, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 12		Took off 0759
Friend, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1805
Penton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Bessire, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Rodgers, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
La Forest, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		
Gregg, Pilot, 1st Lt. 60	442nd	45
Ingham, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 6		Took off 0759 1/2
Miller, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 1704
McCurley, Engineer gunner, pvt.		
Knauer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Nemier, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Danko, Radio Operator, T/sgt.		
Stern, Pilot, 1st Lt. 46	442nd	30
Ober, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 42		Took off 0759 1/2
Villa, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 17		Landed 1704
Poshak, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Fisher, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Hye, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Spradling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14	442nd	48
McLaughlin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16		Took off 0759 1/2
Westbrook, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed 1704
Margolis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Clendman, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Marvick, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Marsch, Radio Operator, T/sgt.		
McOsber, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 40	442nd	35
Giles, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 10		Took off 0800
Farwell, Bombardier, Sgt.	spare	Landed 1006
Gurbalen, Engineer gunner Sgt.		
Cooney, Aerial Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Purdy, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		

Cahan, Pilot, Captain, 17 441st
Steier, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8
Vollmer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 14 CREDIT
Bentas, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Geovonimos, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Hill, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

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Took off 0800
Landed 1626

Salmonson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Strekoldski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Weyenberg, Bombardier, Sgt.
Rankin, Engineer gunner, Cpl.
Takech, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
Day, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

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Took off 0800
Landed 1011