

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 332. Day Operation. 4 Sept. 1944.

Flight Commander: Captain Smith.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0640 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Pontecurone Railroad Bridge (M/R: (C) K-012100, sheet 70) Italy. 1 B-26 returned early: spare. Three bomb runs were made on the target, the second run necessitated by improper alignment of first squadron on the first bomb run and the third by improper alignment of the second squadron on the second run. 18 B-26's were over the target and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .01 second delay fuses) on the second run on the target at 0914 hours from 9,100' to 8,600' on an axis of 34° T, and 9 B-26's dropped 36 x 1000 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 0932 hours from 9,100' to 8,600' on an axis of 345° T. 13 B-26's returned to base at 1130 hours and 5 B-26's returned to base late by 1304 hours after landing in Corsica for fuel.

C. RESULTS: An excellent concentration of bombs covered the bridge, scoring several direct hits. Photos confirm that the bridge is impassable.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air: a. Air activity: P-47's and Spitfires were seen in the Target area.
b. Situation: None.

2. Ground: a. General:
1. Supply dump at Inveruno.
 2. Road and RR Bridge at Tortona out.
 3. RR Bridge at Pavia out.
 4. Road and RR Bridges at Serravalle Scrivia out.
 5. RR Bridge at Arquata Scrivia appeared to have been repaired by filling in the dry stream bed.
 6. Possible ammunition dump 2 miles south of Novi Ligure.
 7. Barracks at Cicagna.

b. Communications:

1. 1 locomotive, stationary, and 50 RR cars at Tortona at 0904 hours.
2. 150 RR cars at Voghera.
3. 15/20 RR cars at Sannazzaro di Burgondi.
4. Train of 30 RR cars headed west at Zinasco at 0903 hrs.
5. 25/30 RR cars at Pavia.
6. 35 RR cars at Corbetta.
7. Train of 30/40 RR cars moving SW from Abbiategrosso at 0911 hours.
8. Train of 25/30 RR cars headed west toward Mortara at 0909 hours.
9. 75 RR cars and 2 locomotives at Vigevano at 0910 hours.
10. 50 RR cars at Novi Ligure.
11. 150 RR cars at Ovada.
12. 100 RR cars at Alessandria.

b. Communications (Cont'd):

13. 75 RR cars at Serravalle Scrivia.
14. 35 RR cars at Arquata Scrivia.
15. 50 RR cars at Busalla.

c. Flak: None.

- d. Shipping:
1. 2 large vessels in Genoa at 0845 hours.
 2. 2 Destroyer-type vessels burning at Sestri Levante at 0840 hours.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None

4. Weather:
- a. Enroute: Few scattered cumulus, 5-6,000' near Elba.
 - b. Vicinity of target: Patches of low stratus in valley west of Alessandria; visibility unlimited.
 - c. Target: CAVI.
 - d. Return: Few cumulus forming over Corsica and Sardinia.

E. ROUTES: Base to landfall at Moneglia; to IP, S. Sebastiano; to target; Curve left around Novi Ligure to IP; to target; curve left around Novi Ligure; to IP; to target; breakaway left to Moneglia; to base.

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F. Comments: All observation for the 3 missions are on this report.

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SPARES:

37 ELYES

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BERRY

25	MOONEY Roberts	34	CLAYBOUGH TONELL	31	ABERNATHY GERCIANO
47	STERN VILLA	45	BARNARD BOER	29	SPRADLING Fuller
38	VANDERBURG Harrison	47	WILMER Burns	44	MC KAY Friend
63	SHERWOOD Seiber	64	WEAVER LOGAN	70	MAC KINNON WAGNER
52	WEINGART Bellow	56	WILB KILLEN	57	WEST, Capt. Storick
50	ROSHY Purvis	66	HALL Strickland	61	NECOUD Adams
91	POLING KOVAN	88	JOHNSON POCEN	80	DELLING FROELICH
94	HALL Gleason	93	PLATTNER Hogob	87	SALMONSON Belker
75	LAFRAN Karrick	85	WILKS D'Arcy	97	KODANSKI Lafabee
17	SULLIVAN Sweeney	11	WELLS WOLINOV	23	MUELLER PENKAVA
08	SCOTT Jocker	07	JORDEN Lafabee	03	ASHER Stens
00	LAZO Vollmer	11	BEDNARZ Lafabee	01	ORALA KviaKowsky
76	JONES, E.O. Henson	70	WELLS WOLINOV	81	REEDER CLAUBITZ
20	EVANS O'Connell	09	WELLS Foscy	22	MC GREGOR Dever
35	ERTSONAN Henson	26	WELLS HARRIS	42	POPCYNALUK Fuller

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NUMBER
Claybough, Pilot, 1st Lt. 58 Mcomber, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 20 Montez, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 47 Mocquot, Navigator, 1st Lt. 13 Underwood, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Trimboli, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Spangler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	34 Took off 0640 Landed 1130
	Munnallee, Flight commander; Captain 46	
Abernathy, Pilot, 1st Lt. 36 Ingram, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 7 Germano, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 33 English, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 15 Putnam, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Batts, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	442nd	31 Took off 0645 Landed 1130
Mooney, Pilot, 1st Lt. 21 Walls, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 27 Roberts, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 8 Fenton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Bessire, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Rodgers, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Messerole, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	442nd	25 Took off 0640 Landed 1130
Barnard, Pilot, 1st Lt. 64 Giles, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 10 Hood, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 6 Rochester, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wasasz, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Weiss, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	25 Took off 0640½ Landed 1131
Spradling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 15 LaChasse, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 19 Miller, Bombardier, Sgt. Manning, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Radio Gunner, Knauer, S/sgt. Earl, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	29 Took off 0640½ Landed 1131
Stern, Pilot, 1st Lt. 47 Childs, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 10 Villa, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 18 Ppshek, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Fisher, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Hall, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Frank, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	442nd	47 Took off 0640½ Landed 1227
Baker, Pilot, 1st Lt. 40 Stutler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16 Burns, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 26 McCully, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Savenetti, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Bently, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	43 Took off 0641 Landed 1131

Mckay, Pilot, 1st Lt. 63 Schane, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 6 Friend, Bombardier, S/sgt. Cramer, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Forrest, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hoyle, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	44 Took off 0641 Landed 1131
vannerburg, Pilot, 2/0 38 McLaughlin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 18 Harmon, Bombardier, T/sgt. Pearl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Shearer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kendler, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	38 Took off 1641 Landed 1218
Weeks, Pilot, 1st Lt. 59 Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 42 Underwood, Navigator, 1st Lt. 50 Lokan, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 35 Sonnonstine, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Beale, Radio Gunner, Sgt. perkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	64 Took off 0641 Landed 1132
Mackinnon, Pilot, Captain, 56 Speed, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 44 Wagar, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 55 Prigmore, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 11 Blackwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Deverna, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hood, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	70 Took off 0641 Landed 1125
Sherwood, Pilot, 1st Lt. 18 McKinney, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 56 Selzer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 13 Adams, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Freudiger, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Rolfe, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Collins, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	443rd	63 Took off 0641 Landed 1132
Lamb, Pilot, 1st Lt. 62 Kotas, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14 Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 54 Cummins, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hafer, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	443rd	56 Took off 0642 Landed 1133
West, Pilot, captain, 49 Parsons, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8 Storick, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 17 Devlin, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Propst, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Orr, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	443rd	57 Took off 0642 Landed 1134

Weingart, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14	443rd	59
Zoeller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 14		Took off 0642
Bulow, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 27		Landed 1134
Lally, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Harrison, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Wong, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Gowan, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.		
Hamel, Pilot, 1st Lt. 39	443rd	66
Townsend, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 13		Take off 0642½
Strickland, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 52		Landed 1228
Coffey, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Traweck, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mele, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Nicoud, Pilot, 1st Lt. 37	443rd	61
Nienaber, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 6		Took off 0642½
Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 47		Landed
Kees, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Wagner, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Ford, Aerial gunner, Spl.		
Mosby, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 12	443rd	50
Komorowski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8		Took off 0642½
Murvis, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 8		Landed 1238
Troutman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Talsky, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Purtz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Ward, AS, Sgt.		
Johnson, Pilot, Captain, 64	444th	88
Jones, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 56		Took off 0647
Pocan, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 61		Landed 1225
Selosier, Navigator, 1st Lt. 44		
Hightower, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Campbell, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Buchanan, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Dilling, Pilot, Captain, 54	444th	80
Welborn, Co , Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 13		Took off 0647
Froelich, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 17		Landed 1105
Webb, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 25		
Carney, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Frachier, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Paul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Poling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16	444th	91
Armstrong, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 2		Took off 0647
Ryan, Bombardier, Cpl.		Landed
Jarrett, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Rummel, Radio gunner, Sgt.		
Hatcher, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Morey, Aerial photographer, Cpl.		

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Plackter, Pilot, 1st Lt. <i>60</i> Sullivan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>12</i> Rogers, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. <i>54</i> Gay, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Poznak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Rabal, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	444th	93 Took off 0647 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1155
Salmonson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>8</i> Catalano, Co, Pilot, F/O <i>13</i> Belker, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. <i>3</i> Rankin, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Fleming, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ross, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	87 Took off 0647 Landed
Trimms, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>13</i> Smith, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>6</i> Gleason, Bombardier, Sgt. Dowlen, Engineer gunner, opl. Shorll, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Day, Aerial gunner, Cpl. Hayes, Aerial photographer, Pvt.	444th	94 Took off 0647 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1220
Towns, Pilot, 1st Lt. <i>59</i> Johnston, Co, Pilot, Lt. <i>9</i> Dizeic, Bombardier, W. J. Kelley, Engineer Gunner, Beluca, Radio Gunner, V. T. Magner, Aerial gunner,	444th	89 Took off 0648 Landed 1304
Kamanski, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>13</i> Ford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>7</i> Larrabee, Bombardier, 1st Lt. <i>1</i> Greco, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Friel, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ramirez, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	97 Took off 0648 Landed 1135
Lampman, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>13</i> Ellis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. <i>11</i> Bennett, Bombardier, S/sgt. Thain, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Chamberlain, Radio Gunner, S/gt Poland, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	75 Took off 0648 Landed 1136
Wilhelm, Pilot, 1st Lt. <i>52</i> Schrantz, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. <i>5</i> Polakov, Bombardier, 1st Lt. <i>49</i> Sandte, Navigator, 1st Lt. <i>58</i> Barton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Kramer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Pata, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	11 Took off 0648 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1125
Mueller, Pilot,		

Meuller, Pilot, 1st Lt. 34	441st	23
Toffer, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 37		Took off 0648 $\frac{1}{2}$
Penkava, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 13		Landed
Siporen, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 6		
Huppe, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Zepeda, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Jameslvias, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		
Sullivan, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52	441st	17
Denke, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4		Took off 0648 $\frac{1}{2}$
Streany, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1125
Brush, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Spiess, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Lofton, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Blue, Aerial photographer, Sgt.		
Borner, Pilot, 1st Lt. 46	441st	07
O'Mahony, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 13		Took off 0649
Anderson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 12		Landed 1115
Kauser, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Snow, Radio gunner, S/sgt.		
Metcalf, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
Asher, Pilot, 1st Lt. 36	441st	03
Louis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4		Took off 0649
Stone, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1115
Hart, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Rahl, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Raschke, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
Scott, Pilot, 1st Lt. 22	441st	08
Zierk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8		Took off 0649
Cocker, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed
Fernandez, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.		
Frozer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Sipe, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Cirno, Aerial photographer, Pvt.		
Bednarz, Pilot, 1st Lt. 48	441st	14
Heeren, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 15		Took off 0650
Elman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 10		Landed 1120
Wyatt, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Weber, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Carroll, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
Grala, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2nd Lt. 16	441st	01
Lampke, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2		Took off 0650
Kwiatkowski, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 0650 1120
Purcell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Moore, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Hurabee, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

Lazo, Pilot, 1st Lt. 39 Steier, Co, pilot, 2nd Lt. 9 Vollmer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 15 Booth, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Melsen, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Williams, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	441st	06 Took off 0650 Landed 1120
Birmingham, Pilot, 1st Lt. 52 Wells, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 15 Heller, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 40 Day, Navigator, 2nd Lt. 23 Hardy, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Ferguson, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, Sgt	444th	85 Took off 0643 Landed 1135 1/2
Reeder, Pilot, 1st Lt. 55 Walker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16 Glaubitz, Bombardier, 1st Lt. 39 Michels, Navigator, 1st Lt. 63 Tunis, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Rains, Radio Gunner, Cpl. Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	81 Took off 0643 Landed 1135 1/2
Jones, Pilot, 1st Lt. 57 Logsdon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. 12 Einden, Bombardier, Sgt. Clark, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Harrington, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Harlett, Aerial gunner, pfc. DeTang, Aerial photographer, Pvt.	444th	684 76 Took off 0643 Landed 1135 1/2
Myers, Pilot, 1st Lt. 41 Kauffman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8 Posey, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 6 Gulliver, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Pysz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wilson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	9 Took off 0643 1/2 Landed 1136
McGregor, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 16 Forsythe, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 2 Dever, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 8 Connell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Youssi, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Hughes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	22 Took off 0643 1/2 Landed
Evans, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 13 Wetzel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8 Mirabella, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. // Durate, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Rocksbrand, Radio gunner, S/sgt. Vosler, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Bostic, Aerial photographer, Cpl.	441st	20 Took off 0644 Landed 1145.

Welch, Pilot, 1st Lt. 33	442nd	28
Mayfield, 2nd Lt. 21		Took off 0644
Hahn, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. 5		Landed 1136
O'Neal, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Pastorak, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Purdy, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		

Porcynaluk, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 4/	442nd	42
Branan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. /		Took off 0644
Fuller, Bombardier, T/sgt.		Landed 1234
Walker, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Belaire, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Mikelson, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Metschan, Pilot, 1st Lt. 17	442nd	35
McNamara, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 8		Took off 0644
Militcyer, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed : 1132
Salvemson, Engineer gunner S/sgt.		
Clendenen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Field, Aerial gunner, S/sgt		

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Estes, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	37
Ober, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0644 1/2 L
Ward, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Lnded 0922
Bollinger, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Marsh, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	NO KREDIT.	
Marvick, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

Chunis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	82
Sherman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0644 1/2
Beebe, Bombardier,		Landed 0928
McQuarrie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Witt, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Wiggill, Aerial gunner, Cpl.		

Pratt, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	18
Torongo, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0644 1/2
Vicha, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 0918
Lewis, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Dalton, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Craig, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		

Allen, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
Ross, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 0650
Farwell, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed 0930
Moore, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Chase, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Corzine, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		

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Livsey, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Stratton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Montgomery, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Bujel, Engineer gunner, ³/sgt.
Waymire, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Thompson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

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Landed 0938