

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 341. Day Operation. 12 Sept. 1944.

Flight Commander: Capt. Berge.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 08:40 hours, 19 B-26's took off to bomb Defense Position, Firenzuola Area, Area NR5, (MR: (W) L-900069, Sheet 98, GSGS 4164), Italy. 2 B-26's returned early: 1 hydraulic system out; 1 nose wheel wouldn't lift. 17 B-26's were over the target and 9 dropped 262 x 100-lb demolition bombs (instantaneous fuzings), and 8 dropped 960 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs on the target at 10:39 hours from 11,500 feet to 11,000 on an axis of 357 degrees; 8 x 180-lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area. 16 B-26's returned to base at 12:25 hours; 1 B-26 landed at Grosseto on single engine.

C. Results: The target area was missed. Bombs landed 600 yards short of the target. Cloud cover on the bomb run prevented accurate bombing.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: P-47's were seen in the target area.

b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

a. General: Silver-colored signal flashes from Traversa area.

b. Communications: None.

c. <u>Flak:</u> Firenzuola	S	H	A	I	GP	3 H at L-9108
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Encountered only on breakaway

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None Damaged: None

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Central Sardinia clear, becoming scattered to broken along the East coast and overcast over Tyrrhenian Sea, stratus clouds, tops estimated 5,000'. Italy clear south of Apennines, with 5/10 cumulus, bases 7-8,000', tops 10,000' over Apennines. Visibility 10 miles or better in light haze.

b. Vicinity of target: 3/10 cumulus, bases unknown, tops 8-10,000'. Target open. Visibility 10 miles or better in light haze.

c. Target: Same as Vicinity of target

d. Return: Clear over Tyrrhenian Sea. 8/10 cumulus over mountains of northern Sardinia, bases 4,000', tops 5,500' and building.

E. Routes: Base to mouth of Ombrone River; to Siena; to IP, Scarpenia; to target; breakaway right to Siena; to Base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

RUNWAY LINE UP

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SPARES

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89 KALINSKI Westbrook	88 DILLING WHITE	85 RAJAGE DRAKE
77 WALKER Delker	81 CHURCH Rogers	75 SULLIVAN Hooper
97 JONES Neyenberg	53 REEFER Ryan	94 POLING Sheehan
17 SULLIVAN Streaty	11 WACHTER FERRENDINO	23 WELLS PECKOVA
10 JEKEL Kingsbury	07 REAVES O'Connell	20 BOYLES Anderson
18 MC GREGOR Sacco	14 BORDEN Vollmer	03 LAZO Chelucci
30 WILLIAMS, R.F. Marion	27 BARRACLOUGH LYON	34 BOTTONLEY PHILLIPS
46 PORCYNAK Main	33 STEINBACH Miller	40 WANDERBURG Mittscher
47 ZELIERSBACH Coffell	35 ESTES Sparr	42 STERN Fuller
51 OPPENHEIM Coffell	82 ACKROYD MC CARTHY	70 LACKINNON Wagner
63 VAN KEUREN Sherman	57 WAGEL Strickland	59 WALSON Storick
69 WEST Lowry	56 WREY Allen	52 LOSBY Lombomery
08 SCOTT Cocker	04 SMITH FLOUCK	82 BEMALL Traynor
05 O'DONOVY Liever	09 TARS Taker	15 STEIER Gallagher
07 BECKLER Murray	15 BROWN Hart	44 ALLEN Westbrook
87 RISEY Barnard	40 ASHER Stone	28 GREGG VILLA
89 WJESH Hatcher		56 TOWNSEND Gooch

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COLORS OF THE DAY: FLAME COLORS

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

49 off

ALDIS LAMP SIGNALS

	CHALLENGE	REPLY
0200-0800	S	I
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1400-2000	Q	J
2000-0200	B	O

RADIO: 320th TOPNOTCH Escort TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS Channel "4"

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
DILLING, PILOT, CAPT. ⁵⁸ 44th		88
WILBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. /6		took off 0840
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt. 58		landed 1223
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt. 56		
COCOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
BERGE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.		
RAMAGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁸⁵ 44th		85
KORON PERRINE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. //		took off 0840
DRAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 24		landed 1223
DELOSTIER, NAV. 1st Lt. 45		
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ENGELHARDT, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WELLS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
KAMANSKI, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁷⁸ 44th		78
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9		took off 0840
WESTBROOK, BOMB. 2nd Lt. //		landed 1223
GRECO, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
FRIEL, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
RAMIREZ, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.		
CHUNTS, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁸¹ 44th		81
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0840
ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt. 57		landed 1223+
MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.		
WIGGILL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SULLIVAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁷⁵ 44th		75
LAMFAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. /6		took off 0840
HOOPER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 9		landed 1230+
THAIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
TRISA, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ⁷⁷ 44th		77
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 20 44th		took off 0840
BELKER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 5		landed 1229
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SHROLL, RADIO, Sgt.		
HUELETT, GUNNER, Cpl.		
CLITES, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt. ⁸³ 44th		83
TRAVELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 6		took off 0841
RYAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1224+
CARNEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FRANK, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
POLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt. /9 44th		94
BAHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0841
SHEKMAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1224+
GAY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	RUMMEL, RADIO, Sgt.	

WACHTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59 441st
SCHRANTZ, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 10
FERLANDINO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15
GIBSON, NAV. Capt. 11
HUPPE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
CARLISLE, RADIO, T/Sgt.
MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

02
took off 0841
landed 1225

MUELLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 36 441st
COLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 10-
PENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15
SIPOREN, NAV. 2nd Lt. 8
LIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
ZEPEDA, RADIO, Cpl.
WILSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

23
took off 0841
landed

Landed in Grosselo
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P SULLIVAN, ~~ENGINEER~~, S/Sgt. 55 441st

~~ENGINEER~~
ROBINSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19
STREANY, BOMB. S/Sgt.
COPPLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SPIESS, RADIO, T/Sgt.
LOFTON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
ROSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl.

17
took off 0841
landed 1225

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REAVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63 441st
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4
O'CONNELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 17
BENTAS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
GANZONETTA, RADIO, Sgt.
TAMESLUNAS, GUNNER, Cpl.

07
took off 0841
landed 1225

GOEKE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 11 441st
FRANKEL, CO PILOT, P/O 8
KINGSBURY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 7
SWOPS, ENGINEER, SGT.
TURFEN, RADIO, Sgt.
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.
GREGG, PHOTO, SGT.

06
took off 0842
landed 1225

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BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 18 441st
DOMKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9
VOLLNER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 17
HAUSER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.
METCALF, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

14
took off 0842
landed 1226

LAZO, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42 441st
METZEL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9
CHELUCCI, BOMB. S/Sgt.
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WEBER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Spl.
TUFTS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

03
took off 0842
landed 1226

MC GREGOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 19 441st
ZIERK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9
SACCO, BOMB.
WYATTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOORE, RADIO, Sgt.
HUGHES, Sgt.

18
took off 0842
landed 1226

HURBAGE, GUNNER, Sgt.

HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38 4414th 87
 FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. took off 0844
 BERNARD, BOMB. 1st Lt. 46 landed 1224+

BARRACLOUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47 4412nd 27
 WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 30 took off 0910
 LYMAN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 52 landed 1253+
 PINCOBE, NAV. Capt. 59
 BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 FURDY, GUNNER, Cpl.

BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, Capt. 58 4412nd 34
 SCHANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. Took off 0910
 PHILLIPS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 10 landed 1253+
 TEICH, NAV. 1st Lt. 21
 SALVESON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 MARSH, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 HALL, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

WILLIAMS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 4412nd 30
 CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 took off 0910
 BAZZON, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 1253+
 ELIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
 RENECK, RADIO, Sgt.
 WEISS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.
 MESEROLE, PHOTO, Sgt.

GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt. 62 4412nd 28
 MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23 took off 0910
 VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 21 landed 1254
 SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 NEWTON, RADIO, C 1.
 MEMIER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

VANDERBURG, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4412nd 40
 ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 took off 0910
 MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1254
 POSEK, ENGINEER, Sgt.
 TRIMBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

PORCYNALUK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 4412nd 46
 ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17 took off 0910
 HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 8 landed 1254
 PEARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 SIMEC, RADIO, Sgt.
 EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
 FRANK, PHOTO, Sgt.

ESTES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 29 4412nd 35
 LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 23 took off 0911
 SPAIN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 30 landed 1259 Belly landing
 WALKER, ENGINEER, Sgt. d Decimo!
 BESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.
 NYE, GUNNER, Sgt.

STERN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 50 442nd 42
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 took off 0911
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 1201
CRAMER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
FISHER, RADIO, Sgt.
FIELDS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

ZELLERBACH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 47 442nd 47
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 took off 0911
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt. landed 1257
MORROW, ENGINEER, Sgt.
SHEEHY, RADIO, Sgt.
DOMSKI, GUNNER, Pvt.

ACKERMAN, PILOT, Capt. 55 443rd 62
SPEED, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 48 took off 0911
MC CARTNEY, BOMB. 1st Lt. 45 landed 1254+
BROOKS, NAV. 1st Lt. 30
JUST, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
KENNEDY, RADIO, Cpl.
LAWRENCE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

MAC KINNON, PILOT, CAPT. 57 443rd 70
O'HARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11 took off 0911
WAGAR, BOMB. 1st Lt. 56 landed 1254+
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt. 53
BLACKWELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
LAFRENNIE, GUNNER, Sgt.

OPFERMAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 45 443rd 51
BLASKO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. ~~landed~~ took off 0911
NEWELL, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 1254+
OEHLKE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DEVERNA, RADIO, S/Sgt.
SHOLLENBERGER, GUNNER, Sgt.
COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

HANEL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 41 443rd 57
MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15 took off 0911
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 56 landed 1255
FARBERON, BOMB. Capt.
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WATSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14 443rd 59
BENNETT, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 7 took off 0912
STORICK, BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt. 20 landed 1255
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CAIK, RADIO, Sgt.
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.

VAN KEUREN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44 443rd 63
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 46 took off 0912
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt. landed 1255
GOWMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.
SUGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CHRISTIENSON, PHOTO, Sgt.

AYREY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 39 443rd
SWIFT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13
ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 37
LUPER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

56
took off 0912
landed ~~0940~~
1255+

MOSBY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 15 443rd
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MONTGOMERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 12
SIMONS, ENGINEER, Cpl.
JOHNSON, RADIO, Sgt.
FORD, GUNNER, Cpl.
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

52
took off 0912
landed 1255+

WEST, PILOT, CAPT. 51 443rd
BIRDWELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12
LOWERY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 11
DEVLIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
PROPST, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ORR, GUNNER, Sgt.
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, T/Sgt.

69
took off 0912
landed 1255+

BOWLES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.
NELSON, RADIO, Cpl.
HILL, GUNNER, Sgt.

10
took off 0740
landed 1118 (Spare)

no credit

MARSH, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th
STREKOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.
HENDRYCK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TKACH, RADIO, S/Gt.
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

89
took off 0940
landed 1115 (Spare)

no credit

JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 444th
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
WENANBERG, BOMB. S/Sgt.
DUFFEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DELUCA, RADIO, S/Gt.
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.

97
took off 0944
landed 1122

Took off on First Mission
in Berlin 9.
Spare on 2nd Mission
0841 - 0904
0944 - 1122

no credit

SMITH, PILOT, Capt. 57 441st
KLUG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 71
PLOUCK, BOMB. Capt. 54
PERFETTO, NAV. 1st Lt. 30
BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CORNELIUS, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 63

04
took off 0940
landed 1320

MERRILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44 441st
CUDWORTH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11
TRAYNOR, BOMB. 1st Lt. 24
BADEN, NAV. 2nd Lt.
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WENCKHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
FATA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

11
took off 0940
landed 1320

SCOTT, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26 411st
KITHCART, ~~CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 7~~
COCKER, BOMB. S/Sgt.
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
FRAZER, RADIO, T/Sgt.
STIPE, GUNNER, T/Sgt.

08
took off 0940
landed 1316+

MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 44 411st
HEARON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 18
TAKEN, BOMB. E/O 10
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
PYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

09
took off 0940
landed 1323+

STEIER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 13 411st
LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5
GALLAGHER, BOMB. S/Sgt.
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
YOUSSE, RADIO, Sgt.
~~GRAIG, GUNNER, Sgt.~~

15
took off 0941
landed 1323

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ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 38 411st v
LOUIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14
STONE, BOMB. S/Sgt.
HART, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RAHL, RADIO, S/Sgt.

01
took off 0941
landed 1323

RASENKE, GUNNER, Sgt.
BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59 412nd
OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 45
WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 30
MANNING, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
CLENDENEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

45
took off 0941
landed 1323+

ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 7 412nd
INOHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 11
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Cpl.
MOORE, ENGINEER, Sgt.
CHASE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ORTEGA, GUNNER, Sgt.

44
took off 0941
landed 1323+

HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 42 413rd
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 14
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14
TROUTMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ORT, RADIO, Sgt.
FURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.

60
took off 0942
landed 1323+

O'MAHONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 411st
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LIEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
PURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
GERONIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.
TAMMERSLEY, GUNNER, Sgt.

20
took off 0944+ on First Mission
landed 1142 early return.
on 2nd Mission
as spare
(P) on First T/O Bowles.

Central photo
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 16 413rd
DAILEY, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
GOUGH, BOMB. Sgt.
LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

66
took off 0942
landed 1151