

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 352, Day Operation, 18 Sept. 1944
Mission No. 1

Flight Commander: Lt. Carreher.

A. 320th Bomb Group (M).

B. At 08:20 hours 19 B-26's of the 320th Bomb Group (M) took off to bomb Casalecchio Di Reno Barracks Area (W)L-843478, GSGS 4164, Sheet 87. No B-26's returned early. 19 B-26's were over the target and 19 dropped 254 X 250 lb. demolition bombs (1/10 X .025 second delay fuses) on the target at 10:46 hours from 11,000 feet to 10,500 feet on an axis of 85 degrees and 80 degrees. 6 X 250 lb demolition bombs were salvaged in the target area having hung up over the target. One A/C carried only 12 bombs and one carried only 10: the others carried 14. 19 B-26's returned to base at 1251 hours.

C. Results: An excellent bomb pattern covered the target. The bombs of the second Squadron started short to the west and walked through through the target area.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- a. Air Activity: P-47's were seen in the vicinity of the target.
- b. Situation: None.

2. Ground:

- a. General:
 - (1) Column of smoke 8 miles NW of La Spezia
 - (2) Barracks buildings under construction 3 miles S. of Pontremoli.
 - (3) Ammunition dump and barracks area just N. of Aulla.
 - (4) Column of white smoke SE of La Spezia.

b. Communications:

- (1) 20 RR cars at Pontremoli.
- (2) 15 M/T moving from Bazzelo at 1043 hour
- (3) 10 M/T moving NE from Moneglia at 1016 hours.

c. Flak: Target: S-M, H, I, FA, Barrage.

Encountered for last 30 seconds of bomb run and for 15 seconds on breakaway. No positions were seen firing but crews believed flak was fired from Praduro E. Sasso, W. of Casalecchio and N. of Bologna. Firing appeared to have no organization; bursts arrived at random.

D. Shipping: Large ship smoking at La Spezia.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Enroute: Scattered stratocumulus hugging mountains tops over Sardinia and Corsica, with several towering cumulus, tops

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- 5,000 ft. or above, over Sardinia. Clear over water
- b. Target Vicinity: 9-10/10 stratocumulus, tops 6-7,000 feet, over mountains.
- c. Target Area: The stratocumulus, broke 2 miles south of target leaving target open. Clear to north in Po Valley. Visibility 10 miles in haze.
- d. Return: Broken towering cumulus over Sardinia, bases 4,000, tops 18-20,000 feet, with shower and thunderstorm activity.
- E. Routes: Base to Moneglia; to Pontremoli; to IP, Montefestino, (second Squadron made 360 degree curve to left around Sassuolo) to target; breakaway left inside of Bologna to Moneglia; to base.
- F. Comments: The three flights of the first Squadron made separate runs on the target, to confuse flak defenses, but made them at approximately the same axes of attack. The second Squadron circled at IP while identifying the target.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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51	"A"	<u>MORAN</u> 51 Peterson	<u>ROBERTSON</u> 62 MCCARTNEY	<u>MACKINNON</u> 70 WAGAR
52	B	<u>HECKLER</u> 56 58 Gooch	<u>HILL</u> 58 Allen	<u>BRAINARD</u> 52 Davis
53	"C"	<u>NICOUD</u> 60 Adams	<u>SHERWOOD</u> 57 Greene	<u>WEYENGART</u> 65 Sherman
54	"D"	<u>SALMONSON</u> 89 Goldman	<u>BERGE</u> 80 HEPHNER	<u>RAMAGE</u> 88 DRAKE
55	"E"	<u>POLING</u> 91 Beckler	<u>CHONIS</u> 93 Rogers	<u>SULLIVAN</u> 95 Hooper
56	"F"	<u>WALDROF</u> 97 Larrabee	<u>BRESSETTE</u> 90 Barnardi	<u>JONES R. W.</u> 82 Drevas
57	"G"	<u>SHERWOOD</u> 02 Liever	<u>SMITH</u> 01 FLOUCK	<u>MERRILL</u> 23-21 Ferrandino
58	"H"	<u>SCHWANTZ</u> 01 Sacco	<u>BORDEN</u> 14 VALLER	<u>ASHER</u> 20 Stone
59	"I"	<u>WILSON</u> 18 Rojas	<u>CAHAN</u> 21 23 TRAYNOR	<u>SCOTT</u> 08 Cocker
60	"J"	<u>SCHANE</u> 33 Milischer	<u>HARTE</u> 34 OLMSTED	<u>WELCH</u> 28 YOUNES
61	"K"	<u>STERN</u> 39 Hathaway	<u>MOONEY</u> 21 Phillip	<u>GILES</u> 43 Roberts
62	"L"	<u>METSCH AN</u> 44 Farwell	<u>ESTES</u> 37 SPANN	<u>SPRADLING</u> 42 Miller
63			<u>CLARK</u> 61 Strickland	<u>LOGSDON</u> 87 Ewan

GROUND SPARES (56) (94) (15)

19 off at 0840

No To. No fuel press. at engine.

19 off at 0820

* RADIO CALL SIGNS *
* 320th Bomb Group *
* "TOPNOTCH" # 1 & 2 *
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COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 18 SEPTEMBER 1944.
TIME FLARE COLORS
0200-0800 GREEN & GREEN
0800-1400 RED & RED RED
1400-2000 YELLOW & YELLOW-

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED ON THE MISSION 18 SEPTEMBER 1944.

Smith Pilot, Captain 441st 04
Cahan, Co, Pilot, Captain, Took off 0820
Plouck, Bombardier, Captain, Landed 1251
Gibson, Navigator, Captain,
Brush, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Steeves, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Carraher, Flight commander; 1st Lt

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Merrill, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 23

This plane did not take off

Sherwood, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 02
Zierk, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0820
Liever, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1251
Tamesiuna, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
McLeson, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Borden, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 14
Pratt, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0823
Vollmer, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1252
Mauser, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Kirkland, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Prickard, Observer, Captain,

Asher, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 40
Louis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0820
Stone, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1252
Mullis, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
~~xxxxxx~~ Rahl, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.

Schranz, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 01
Lampke, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0820
Sacco, Bombardier, pvt. Landed 1252
Connell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Bush, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
~~xxxxxx~~ Hayes, Aerial photographer, Pvt.

Mueller, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 21
O'Mahoney, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Took off 0821
Penkava, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Landed 1253
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Bentas, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Geronimos, Radio Gunner,
Tarolots, Observer, F/O

Scott, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st 08
Kitheart, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Took off 0821
Cotker, Bombardier, S/sgt. Landed 1253
Fernandez, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.
Frazer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.

Kramer photo S/sgt

Wilson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st Frankel, Co, Pilot, F/O Rojas, Bombardier, F/O Durate, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Rencehausen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	18 Took off 0821 Landed 1253
Harte, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Wells, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Olmsted, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Mennaugh, Navigator, 1st Lt. King, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Trimboli, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	34 took off 0821 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1254
Welch, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd McLaughlin, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Younes, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Wernick, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Rochester, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Eastbrook, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	28 took off 0821 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1254
Schane, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Childs, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Militscher, Bombardier, Sgt Morrow, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Clendenen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. LaForrest, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	33 Took off 0821 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1254
Mooney, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd McNamara, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Phillips, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Cramer, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Renick, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	31 Took off 0822 Landed 1254
Giles, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Rojnovski, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Roberts, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Penton, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Fisher, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	43 Took off 0822 Landed 1254
Stern, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd LaChasse, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hathaway, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Surabian, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Forrest, Aerial gunner, Meserole, Aerial photographer, Sgt.	39 Took off 0822 Landed 1254
Estes, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd Mayfield, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Spann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Walker, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Blue, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	37 Took off 0822 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1255

Spradling, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	42
Rowan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0822 $\frac{1}{2}$
Miller, Bombardier, Sgt.	Landed 1255
Walden, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Delaire, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Newton, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
Metschan, Pilot, 1st Lt. 442nd	44
Ross, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0822 $\frac{1}{2}$
Farwell, Bombardier, Sgt.	Landed 1255
Widau, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Danko, Radio Operator, T/sgt.	
Ratts, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Forcynaulk, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd 48
Brenan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Took off 0824
Woodward, Bombardier, Cpl.	Landed 1235
McCully, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Demski, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
Pesek, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	09
McCurdy, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Tookoff, 0820 $\frac{1}{2}$
O'Connell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1255
Fulk, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Youssi, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	

Ackerman, Pilot, Captain 443rd	62
Speed, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Took off 0840
McCartney, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1404
Brooks, Navigator, 1st Lt.	
Just, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Hendricks, Radio Gunner, Cpl.	
Lawrence, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Hayward, Captain, Flight commander;	
Mackinnon, Pilot, Captain, 443rd	70
Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Took off 0840
Wagar, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1404
Underwood, Navigator, 1st Lt.	
Blackwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.	
Hammonds, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	
Peck, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	
Moran, Pilot, 1st Lt 443rd	51
Dailey, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Took off 0840
Peterson, Bombardier, 1st Lt.	Landed 1353 1553
Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.	
Haskins, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	
Christianson, Aerial photographer, Cpl.	

Hill, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd Blasko, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	58 Took off this aircraft did not take off
Brainerd, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd Mosby, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Davis, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Sommonstine, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Suggs, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	52 Took off 0840 Landed 1404
Heckler, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd Nienaber, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Spawick , Gooch, Bombardier, Sgt. Troutman, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Furtz, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Collins, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	56 Took off 0840 ₂ Landed 1724
Sherwood, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd O'Hara, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Greene, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Luper, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Wong, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	57 Took off 0841 Landed 1405
Weingart, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 443rd Zoeller, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Sherman, Bombardier, S/sgt. Luther, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Ward, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	65 Took off 0841 Landed 1405
Nicoud, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd Connelly, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Adams, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hanshaw, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Zachar, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	60 Took off 0841 Landed 1405
Berge, Pilot, Captain, 444th Dawkins, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hephner, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Bangs, Navigator, 1st Lt. Nendrick, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Piggott, Radio Gunner,	80 Took off 0841 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1550
Ramage, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th xxxx Viebrock, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Drake, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Westbrook, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Leonard, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. English, Radio Gunner S/sgt.	88 Took off, 0841 $\frac{1}{2}$ Landed 1550

Salmonson, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Johnston, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Goldman, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Rankin, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
~~Trick~~ ~~Trick~~, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Chunis, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th
Fowler, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Rogers, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
McQuarrie, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Witt, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

Sullivan, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Travell, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Hooper, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Thain, Engineer gunner, (RM) Sgt
Day, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Poling, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Strekowsky, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Belker, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
Jarrett, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Paul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.
Morey, Aerial photographer, Cpl.

Bresette, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th
Maher, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Bernardi, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Greco, Engineer gunner, Sgt
Shaffer, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Jo

Jones, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 444th
Ellis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Drevas, Bombardier, S/sgt.
Duffel, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Harrington, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Wells, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Waldrop, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th
Waddell, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Larrabee, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Kelley, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Johnston, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
Rummel, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

Clark, Pilot, 1st Lt. 444th
Krimm, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ~~for~~
Strickland, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Bujel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Hood, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

89
Took off 0841
Landed ~~not accounted for~~
at MONSERATTO
1300 19 Sept

93
Took off 0842
Landed Elmas

82
took off 0842
Landed 1633

91
Took off 0842
Landed 1615

90
took off 90
Landed 1650

95
Took off 0842
Landed 1638

97
Took off 0842 1/2
Landed 1637

61
Took off 0843
Landed 1638

Logsdon, Pilot, 2nd Lt. ~~taskoff~~
Welborn, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 44th
Ryan, Bombardier, Sgt.
Bardy, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Gauzett, Aerial gunner, Cpl.

87
took off 0843
Landed 1624