

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 179. Day Operation. 2 April 1944.

Flight Commander: Major Graves.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 1200 hours, 26 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Arezzo RR Bridge, Italy. 2 spares returned early. 24 B-26's were over the target, and 23 B-26's dropped 91 x 1000 lb demolition bombs on the target at 1424 hours from 8,700 to 8,100' on an axis of 28° T. 5 x 1000 lb demolition bombs were returned; 1 because it hung up over the target and 4 because A/C carrying them was losing power over the target. 24 B-26's returned safely to base at 1622 hours.

C. RESULTS: The target was bracketed with an excellent concentration of bombs. At least 2 direct hits were scored on the bridge, and both approaches were hit.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires from Corsica provided excellent escort.

b. Situation:

- (1) 6/7 wrecked a/c were seen on Arezzo A/D, at 1424 hours from 8700'.
- (2) North end of Grosseto A/D appeared repaired; one M/T was seen crossing the field, at 1414 hours from 8,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

- (1) In the vicinity of R0539, possible barracks of 20 buildings at 1426 hours from 8500'.
- (2) Several fires were seen in the area of R02 at 1423 hours from 8900'.
- (3) At Q1323, supply dumps were seen at 1436 hours from 8,000'.
- (4) Cecina RR bridge was still out at 1436 hours from 8,000'.

b. Communications: RR cars were seen at the following places at following times and altitudes:

- (1) 50 at Grosseto at 1412 from 8,000'.
- (2) 40/50 at Monteverchi, R0340, at 1422 from 9,000'.
- (3) 15 at Monte S. Savino, R1518, at 1422 from 9,000'.
- (4) 40 at Castiglion Fiorentino, R3118, at 1422 from 9,000'.
- (5) 2 trains of 30/40 cars each traveling south in area R3315, at 1421 from 9,000'.
- (6) Between Siena and Paganico, 4 M/Y with 25 cars each at 1418 from 9,500'.
- (7) 30/40 cars at S. Giovanni R0045, at 1421 from 9,000'.
- (8) 30 car train headed east, stationary, 5 miles west of target, R1534, at 1424 from 8,700'.
- (9) 15/20 cars at E6453, at 1412 from 8,000'.
- (10) At Arezzo M/Y, 30/40 at 1424 from 8,700'.
- (11) At Poggibonsi M/Y, 30/40 at 1426 from 8,500'.
- (12) 40 at Q1228 at 1436 from 8,000'.
- (13) 20 at Q6638 at 1427 from 8,500'.

- (14) 25 at Figline, Q9651, at 1425 from 9600'.
(15) 50 at R2532 (Oil cars) at 1424 from 8700'.
(16) 18 M/T were seen parked, headed north, on a road south from Arezzo, R2226, at 1424 from 8700'.

c. Flak: None.

d. Shipping:

- (1) 3/4 F-boats just north of Cecina Marina were seen at 1436 from 8000'.
(2) 6 small craft were observed at R0239 at 1436 hours from 8000'.
(3) A new dock and crane were seen at Q1322 at 1436 from 8000', suggesting possible use for unloading F-boats seen off shore to supply dump on the beach behind.

3. Losses: None; no a/c damaged.

4. Weather: Clear with haze in all areas.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2500' at base, 321° T for 55 statute miles to Mal di Ventre; 4° T for 60 statute miles to Porto Torres; 44° T for 71 statute miles to Gulf Vecchie; 16° T for 38 statute miles to Aleria; 353° T to rendezvous with escort at Borgo; 85° T for 77 statute miles to mouth of Ombrone River; 42° T for 37 statute miles to Montalcino; 32° T for 22 statute miles to IP, Monte S. Savino, climbing gradually to 9500'; 33° M for 11 statute miles to target at 8700'; breakaway left; 267° T for 67 statute miles to Cecina; 222° T for 70 statute miles to Borgo; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

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		"A"	
	<u>NELSON</u>	<u>RITCHIE</u>	<u>WEEKLY</u>
69	65	69 Tidwell	61
61		<u>HUNTER</u>	
65		64 Pickett	
		"B"	
	<u>BERNARD</u>	<u>MacKINNON</u>	<u>SHEARD</u>
71	48	71 Wagar	66
66		<u>GRAYBOUGH</u>	
48			
		"C"	
	<u>HARPSTER</u>	<u>WENDLING</u>	<u>ROWAN</u>
33	43	33 Hendrix	45
45		<u>HAMPTON</u>	
43		46	
61			
33			
46			
		"D"	
	<u>MUELLER</u>	<u>BERGE</u>	<u>PENKA</u>
21	14	21 Plouck	4
4		<u>ROBBINS</u>	
14		9 Bardon	
10			
22			
91			
98			
84			
93			
		"E"	
	<u>REEDER</u>	<u>McCONNELL</u>	<u>ST ARNO</u>
91	91	10 Greenwald	22
98		<u>BIRMINGHAM</u>	
84		76 <u>GASSER</u>	
93			
		"F"	
	<u>PLACKTER</u>	<u>JOHNSON</u>	<u>TURNER, H.D.</u>
9	93	98 Poca	84
76		<u>BURKE</u>	
54		87	
29			
15			
85			

RADIO CALL SIGNS:
 17th: BLUEJAY
 319th: ASHCAN
 320th: BACDAD
 FIGHTERS: BUSTER

GROUND SPARES

51
 44
 20
 77

COLORS OF THE DAY

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0100-0700	RED-YELLOW
0700-1300	RED-GREEN
1300-1900	GREEN-YELLOW
1900-0100	RED-RED

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TIME	CHALLENGE	REPLY	TO BE USED
0100-0700	P	J	RED
0700-1300	N	M	GREEN
1300-1900	V	O	WHITE
1900-0100	Q	Z	GREEN

BIRMINGHAM
LINDSTROM

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON AREZ , RR BRIDGE, ITALY

CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
RITCHIEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1200
TIDWELL, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed 1622
G CAFARELLA, NAV. Capt.		
TURATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GRAVES, FLIGHT COMMANDER, MAJOR		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	61
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1200
STRAKA, NAV. S/Sgt.		landed 1614
LA GESSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
W ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CLITTS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
HILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1200
W SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1622
JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
AUSTAD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Sgt.		
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	64
TEAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1203
F PICKETT, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed 1622
DORE, NAV. 1st Lt.		
PREAVER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SNIDER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MILLER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HALL, COL. OBS. 9th AF		
MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		NO T. O.
SHEARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1200
W TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
BUTLER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
BARNARD, PILOT, Lt.	442nd	48
W WILLIAMS, R.F. CO PILOT, Lt		took off 1200
HARLAN, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 1613
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
ZEHNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
WEISS, GUNNER, Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PHOTO, Sgt.		

CLAYBOUGH, PILOT, Lt. CASTOR, CO PILOT, Lt. F WESTBROOK, BOMB. Sgt. MELIN, ENGINEER, Cpl. WELLS, RADIO, S/Sgt. HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	35 took off 1203 landed 1624
WENDLING, PILOT, Lt. THORNTON, CO PILOT, Lt. F HENDREX, BOMB. Lt. ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MARSH, RADIO, Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	33 took off 1203 landed 1625
ROWAN, PILOT, Lt. ROOD, CO PILOT, Lt. W JACOBSON, BOMB. S/Sgt. HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COLTEN, PHOTO, Cpl.	442nd	45 took off 1203 landed 1625
W HARPSTER, PILOT, Lt. W HENSELL, CO PILOT, F/O HARRINGTON, BOMB. Sgt. PEARD, ENGINEER, Sgt. KNAUER, RADIO, Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 1203 landed 1625
HAMPTON, PILOT, Lt. L MC KAY, CO PILOT, Lt. L MC CRAY, BOMB. Pvt. YULE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. KANE, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 1203 landed 1628
BERGE, PILOT, 1st Lt. WILHELM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. F PLOUCK, BOMB. 1st Lt. ABART, NAV. 2nd Lt. BRUSH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt. FATA, GUNNER, Sgt. SKYLOR, DFC, Capt.	441st	21 took off 1204 landed 1626
FENKA, PILOT, 1st Lt. OLTMAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. V MC ILVERNA, BOMB. S/Sgt. TESSUM, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HULL, RADIO, S/Sgt. FRANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt. SAUTER, PHOTO, Sgt.	HQ 441st <i>photo show</i>	4 took off 1204 landed 1626
MUELLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. W WEILER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. MC FARLAND, BOMB. S/Sgt. LIAS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. HOFFMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. SMITH, GUNNER, T/Sgt.	441st	14 took off 1204 landed 1626

ROSBINE, PILOT, Capt.	441st	9
SODIE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
BARDEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
CASSINO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		1626
HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SPLESS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MEMBER, ME		
MC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	10
WACHTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1204
GIBSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
HARRISON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1627
TIPON, RADIO, PFC.		
COCKER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
RANDOLPH, FLIGHT SURGEON, Capt.		
ST. ARNO, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	22
KOLD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1204
BERDAUS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1627
DORAN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GUST, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FEEDER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	91
DEMESTREE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1204
CRAPSE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
KUHN, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		1627
WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROBINSON, GUNNER, Sgt.		
GASSER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	76
DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1206
SHINGLE, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1627
SPEARS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
GEORGE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
JOHNSON, PILOT,	444th	98
ROUND, CO PILOT,		took off 1205
FOCAN, BOMB.		landed
JOHNSON, ENGINEER,		1628
MC BLAURRY, RADIO		
CLARKE, GUNNER,		
TURNER, PILOT, H.D. 2nd Lt.	444th	84
MC GUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1205
ROBERTS, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
MONTARULLI, ENGINEER, Sgt.		1628
CROWIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
Malone, gunner, s/sgt.		
MADDOCKS, PHOTO, Sgt.		
PLACKTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	444th	93
POLANSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1205
DZIEDZIC, BOMB.		landed
MONTGOMERY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		1613
CHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.	FIELDS, GUNNER, Sgt.	

SPARES

LAMB, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.

443rd
(NO MISSION CREDIT)

54
NO T.O.

DEATLY, PILOT, Lt.
WILLIAMS, CO PILOT, Lt.

442nd

29
took off 1207
landed

E MONTEZ, BOMB. BOM.
PENTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.
DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, Sgt.

1624

BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SINN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
LINDSTRUM, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
STATON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CAMPBELL, RADIO, Cpl.
AGGOTT, GUNNER, Sgt.

444th

85
took off 1208
landed

1229

spare

GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MC GOLDRICK, BOMB. S/Sgt.
HARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
GAUNT, RADIO, T/St.
MC LAUGHLIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

15
took off 1208
landed

1429

spare

BURKE, PILOT

444th

87