

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 206, Day Operation, 13 May 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Saylor.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 13:10 hours, 28 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb San Giovanni Railroad Bridges North and South, Italy. 5 B-26's returned early: 1 loss of power; 4 spares. Cloud cover permitted only one flight to bomb here, and the remaining aircraft bombed Certaldo Railroad Bridge as an alternate. 23 B-26's were over San Giovanni Bridges and 4 B-26's dropped 32 x 500# Demolition (1/10 & .025 delay fuses) Bombs on the target at 15:18 hours from 10,800' to 8,800' on an axis of 64°T. 23 B-26's were over Certaldo Railroad Bridge, and 19 dropped 152 x 500# Demolition (1/10 & .025) Bombs on the target at 15:56 hours from 10,500' to 8,800' on an axis of 73°T. 18 B-26's returned to base at 17:40 hours and 5 B-26's returned to base late between 18:32 hours and 19:49 hours, after having landed in Corsica for gas.

C. Results: Certaldo Railroad Bridge:

The target was covered with an excellent and tight bomb pattern, scoring several probable hits on the structure and approaches.

San Giovanni Railroad Bridge:

The target was missed; the bombs cut the tracks and hit the San Giovanni M/Y, 800 yards South of the target.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity:

Spitfires from Corsica provided escort, and were joined by 2 P-47's in the target area.

b. Situation:

1 T/E a/c, 7 S/E a/c at Siena/Malignano A/D were seen at 15:06 hours from 10,500'.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Supply dump at Q-3828 was seen at 15:04 hours from 10,500'.
(2) 20 barracks buildings at Q-3623 was seen at 15:04 hours from 10,500'.

b. Communications:

(1) 50 RR cars in Ponte a Tressa, Q-8711, were seen at 15:36 hours from 10,500'.
(2) 75/100 RR cars in Empoli, Q-5463, were seen at 15:56 hours from 10,500'.
(3) 15 RR cars in Castelfiorentino, Q-5551, were seen at 15:55 hours from 10,800'.
(4) 50 RR cars at Q-8220 were seen at 15:38 hours from 10,500'.
(5) 25/30 RR cars at Q-3621 were seen at 14:57 hours from 10,000'.

- (6) 15/20 RR cars at R-3519 were seen at 15:29 hours from 10,500'.
- (7) 6 wrecked tank cars at Arezzo M/Y and yards demolished, seen at 15:21 hours from 10,500'.
- (8) 15/20 RR cars in Castiglion Fiorentino seen at 15:23 hours from 10,500'.
- (9) 100 RR cars at San Giovanni M/Y were seen at 15:18 hours from 10,800'.
- (10) 75/100 M/T, parked, between Volterra and Q-4028 on North side of road, were seen at 15:06 hours from 10,500'.
- (11) 4 very large M/T moving North on road 3 miles South of Cortona were seen at 15:23 hours from 10,500'.
- (12) 1 large M/T with trailer at R-3527 moving North was seen at 15:23 hours from 10,500'.
- (13) 2 gas trucks moving West, at Q-3422, were seen at 15:06 hours from 10,500'.
- (14) 8/10 M/T headed South at Q-2217 were seen at 14:57 hours from 10,000'.
- (15) 6 M/T parked at Q-3408 were seen at 15:01 hours from 10,200'.
- (16) 2 large and 5 small M/T at Q-4616, parked, were seen at 15:02 hours from 10,300'.
- (17) 4 large M/T headed Southeast at Q-2818 were seen at 15:02 hours from 10,200'.
- (18) 12/15 M/T converging at V-2492 were seen at 16:16 hours from 8,000'.
- (19) 6/8 M/T at Q-6243 were seen at 15:56 hours from 10,500'.
- (20) 50 M/T in groups of 5/10 moving South at R-1243 were seen at 15:20 hours from 10,000'.

c. Flak: From North of San Giovanni, over primary target, scant heavy and light, inaccurate for both altitude and deflection, continuously pointed fire, was encountered.

d. Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; damaged, None.

4. Weather:

- A. Enroute: Clear except for a few wisps of clouds at 6,000'.
- B. Target: Primary, 6-8/10ths cumulus at 3,000'; Certaldo, open.
- C. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes and Altitudes: From 2,500' at base, to Tavalari Island; to rendezvous at 8,000' with escort at Alto; 67°T for 39 SM to Capraia Island; 57°T to coast South of Cecina; to Colle; bomb run on an axis of 64°T at 10,800' for primary; breakaway right, circling Arezzo; to I.P., Tapalauo, climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run to target (Certaldo), 73°T at 10,500'; breakaway left to coast South of Cecina; reciprocal course to base.

F. Comments: None.

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MISSION # 228

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. SAYLOR

MAY 13

1944

"A"

81 80 BREWER 1
 83 REEDER 3 WHITE PLACKTER 2
 80 83 81 TOWNS 4 93
 93 BERNARDI

"B"

18 87 BIRLINGTONHAM
 17 WACHTER 7 LINDENHUM 6
 82 17 GOODENOUGH 91
 91 18 8

"C"

5 11 HEID 9
 1 HIPPLE POLAKOV WILLIAMS 10
 11 1 REEVES 9
 9 5 12

"D"

35 33 WENDLING 15
 33 KLARK 15 LYMAN CASTOR 12
 46 46 31 BOTTOLEY 35
 31 MONTEZ

"E"

38 45 BAKER 17
 45 HILL 19 HENDRIX TAYLOR 12
 63 63 38
 52 52

"F"

51 64 LAC KINNON 21
 64 HALE 23 LAGAR STINSON 22
 68 68 WEEKS 51
 55 55 24

SPARES: 99 BRESSETTE WILHELM HART 53 SMITHWICK
 DREVAS 23 32 BULOW

COLORS OF THE DAY

GROUND SPARES

FLARE COLORS

77 0200-0800 RED & RED
 20 0800-1400 RED & RED RED
 26 1400-2000 RED & GREEN
 56 2000-0200 RED & YELLOW

AIDIS LAMP SIGNALS

CHALLENGE REPLY

0200-0800 C X
 0800-1400 O B
 1400-2000 Y Q
 2000-0200 S D

RADIO:

320th TOPNOTCH

Escort TOPNOTCH
FIGHTERS

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

CREW

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

BREWER, PILOT, Maj.
CONNOR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.
DEACY, NAV. 1st Lt.
TUNIS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
STEEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
PAUL, GUNNER, Sgt.
SAYLOR, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.

444th

80
took off 1310
landed 1740

*Posted
R. D.P.*

PLANKTER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
CHUNIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
HEPHNER, BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt.
GOLDIE, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
VISCOMI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HUMPHREY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
MIDDLETON, PHOTO, Cpl.

444th

93
took off 1310
landed 1727

REEDER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
JONES, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SHAKE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
BAWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RAUCHER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
STRADA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO, Sgt.

444th

83
took off 1310
landed 1740

TUNNS, PILOT, 1st Lt.
H.D. TURNER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
BERNARDI, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
BANG, NAV. 2nd Lt.
BARNETT, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.
STALCUP, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MAGNER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

81
took off 1310
landed ~~1740~~
late

Birmingham, pilot,
MARSCH, CO PILOT,
LINDSTRUM, BOMB.
STATON, ENGINEER,
CAMPBELL, RADIO
PIGGOTT, GUNNER

444th

87
took off 1310
landed 1741

WEIER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
DRISCOLL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
GLEASON, BOMB. Pvt.
GIUFFRÉ, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MOSKOWITZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ROSS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

91
took off 1311
landed 1741

WACHTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SULLIVAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VICKA, BOMB. Sgt.
COPPLER, ENGINEER, Sgt.
MICHAELSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

444th

17
took off 1311
landed 1741

GOODENOUGH, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
TOFFER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
SUMNER, bomb. sgt.

441st

18
took off 1311
landed 1743

BANNOTTA, GUNNER, Sgt.
BARRON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.

HELD, PILOT, 3rd Lt. MYERS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. POLAKOV, BOMB. 3rd Lt. O'DELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. TIFTON, RADIO, Cpl. GALLAGHER, GUNNER, Cpl.	441st	11 took off 1311 landed 1848
WILLIAMS, D.L., PILOT, 2nd Lt. ASHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TRAYNOR, BOMB. 2nd Lt. FEBBENDA, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOVE, RADIO, S/Sgt. MARINEILLI, GUNNER, Sgt. CATALDI, PHOTO, Sgt.	441st	9 landed took off 1311 landed 1940
HIPPLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt. DINWIDDLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BURG, BOMB. 2nd Lt. BARTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. FYSZ, RADIO, S/Sgt. MAUSER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	1 took off 1312 landed 1607 1743
REEVES, PILOT, 1st Lt. WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. COCKER, BOMB. Sgt. GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. FRANKHAUSER, RADIO, S/Sgt. GULLIVER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	5 took off 1312 landed 1740
HILL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. SHERMAN, BOMB. Sgt. KARSTELLAR, RADIO, S/Sgt. COX, GUNNER, Sgt. BARRY, RADIO, Sgt.	443rd	63 took off 1312 landed 1745 late
WEBBLEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt. SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. STRANA, BOMB. S/Sgt. LA GESSA, RADIO, S/Sgt. ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt. ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	52 took off 1312 landed 1745 late
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. BUDOW, BOMB. 2nd Lt. GLOWATCH, RADIO, S/Sgt. CHIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 1314 landed 1746 late
STANSON, PILOT, 2nd Lt. MC KINNEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt. TRAWICK, RADIO, S/Sgt. MELLO, GUNNER, Sgt. ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER,	443rd	51 took off 1315 landed 1730

HALE, PILOT, radio 1st Lt.	443rd	68
SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1315
BROWN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
W LARRENTI, RADIO, r/s t.		1746
HOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.		
CORREY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SMIDER, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
WEEKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
VAN KUREN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1315
HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	early	landed
CALAFUT, RADIO, r/s t.		1746
AVERY, ENGINEER, s/s t.		late
PARK, ENGINEER, s/Sgt.		
MENSCH, GUNNER, s/Sgt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
VANDEBURG, CO PILOT, r/o		took off 1313
LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
MENNAUGH, NAV. 1st Lt.		1744
ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, /sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, s /sgt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, sgt.		
W GASTON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	35
BARTLAUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 1313
FULLER, BOMB. s /Sgt.		landed
KRAUSE, ENGINEER, s /Sgt.		1736
MELIN, RADIO, Sgt.		
HOYLE, GUNNER, s /Sgt.		
DUNN, PHOTO, s /sgt.		
KLANK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	46
KING, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1313
HARRINGTON, BOMB. s /Sgt.		landed
GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, s /Sgt.		1744
TRIMBOLI, RADIO, s /Sgt.		
KIMMICH, GUNNER, sgt.		
BUTUMBER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	26
ROOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		took off 1315
MONTZ, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
PINCUS, NAV. 1st Lt.		1611
SALVEND, ENGINEER, /Sgt.		
BLOM, RADIO, sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, sgt.		
BAREN, PILOT, Capt.	442nd	45
ZELLENBACH, co pilot, 2nd Lt.		took off 1314
HENDREX, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
PEHTON, ENGINEER, s /Sgt.		1745
KALBURNE, RADIO, s /Sgt.		
EARL, GUNNER, s /Sgt.		
TAYLOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	442nd	38
ABERNATHY, CO PILOT, Lt.		took off 1314
MC CRAY, BOMB. Cpl.		
MARGOLIA, ENGINEER, s t.		
CLANDENEN, RADIO, s t.		1745
WAISS, GUNNER, s t.		

Early
no return

SPARES

BAUSETTE, PILOT, Lt.
 MC BRIDE, CO PILOT,
 DREVAS, BOMB.
 MC QUARRIE, ENGINEER, S/ S^{ut}.
 SHAFFER, RADIO,
 LARSON, GUNNER,

WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 JOHNSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
 LICKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
 KIRKLAND, RADIO, /Sgt.
 CLARK, GUNNER, S/S^t.
 MADDOCKS, X, S^{gt}.

MAC KINNON, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 DUGAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 WAGAN, BOMB. 1st Lt.
 GILES, RADIO, S/Sgt.
 PUTNAM, GUNNER, S/S^{gt}.
 NELSON, ENGINEER, S/S^{ut}.

HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt.
 ALLEN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
 CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S Sgt.
 ELIAS, ENGINEER, S/S^{ut}.
 WELLS, RADIO, S Sgt.
 SUGGS, GUNNER, P^t.

SPARES

444th

spare -
no mission credit

441st

spare -
no mission credit

~~444th~~ 443rd

flew position #21
- mission credit -

442nd

spare -
no mission credit

SPARES

99
 took off 1316
 landed 1511

23
 took off 1316
 landed

64
 took off 1316
 landed 1744

32
 took off 1316
 landed