

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 211. Day Operation, 18 May 1944.

Flight Commander: Lt. Colonel Macia.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 0940 hours, 39 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Ceprano Highway Bridges, N. and S., Italy. 5 B-26's returned early; 2 spares; 2, engine cutting out; 1, parachute accidentally opened in plane. 23 B-26's were over the S. Bridge, and 9 B-26's dropped 72 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 Second delay fuses) at 1131 hours from 11,000' on an axis of 77° T. 11 B-26's were over the N. Bridge, and 11 B-26's dropped 88 x 500 lb demolition bombs (1/10, .025 second delay fuses) at 1132 hours from 11,800' on an axis of 66° T. 112 x 500 lb demolition bombs were returned to base for reason indicated below. 34 B-26's returned to base at 1316 hours (1 after landing at Elmas A/D with injured crew member). 2 B-26's returned to base late at 1545 and 1546 hours after landing at Naples with an injured crew member and because of flak damage.

Three A/C in the first squadron did not drop because the lead bombardier was wounded in the face by flak. Cloud cover interfered with the bomb run of the 3rd squadron, preventing it from bombing.

C. RESULTS: A good concentration of bombs landed over the N bridge with possible hits.

The S. bridge was missed; the bombs landed SE of the bridge, cutting the road E of the town.

D. OBSERVATIONS:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires were seen patrolling in the target area.

b. Situation: 2 S/E A/C on the Litorio A/D were seen at 1139 hours from 9,000'.

2. Ground:

a. General: None.

b. Communications:

1. 30/40 RR cars at G 3213 were seen at 1127 hours from 12,000'.

2. 10/12 RR cars at G 2321 were seen at 1126 hours from 12,000'.

3. 6 M/T headed N at G 3824 were seen at 1127 hours from 12,000'.

4. 20 M/T headed E at G 1900 were seen at 1126 hours from 12,000'.

c. Flak: Scant heavy and light accurate for altitude, inaccurate for deflection was encountered from Sezze; about 15 bursts were seen in groups of 3-4.

c. Flak (Cont'd):

Several ~~guns~~ reported bursts larger than usual. Encountered both going to and from the target.

Moderate heavy accurate for both altitude and deflection continuously pointed fire on the bomb run and through the breakaway from the target was encountered. Both 105 mm and 88 mm bursts were seen.

d2 Shipping: None.

3. Losses: None; 11 B-26's damaged: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 in the 1st squadron; Nos. 3 and 5 in the 2nd sq.; 4 crew members injured.

4. Weather: a. Enroute: Clear 2/3 way to Italy; last 1/3, 1-/10 stratocumulus, 5-6,000'; visibility, 8-10 miles in hazw.

b. Target: 2-3/10 cumulus over target; 5-6/10 on bomb run; 5-8,000'.

c. Return: As enroute.

E. ROUTES AND ALTITUDES: From 2,500' at base, to landfall, 15 miles N of C.S. Felice Circeo; to target; breakaway left over Frosinone to coast 12 miles N of C.S. Felice Circeo; to base.

F. COMMENTS: None.

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<u>PAIMER</u>	3	<u>HUNTER</u> 1
63		64 Pickett
		<u>FELT</u> 4
		69 Allen
		<u>"B"</u>
		<u>WEEKS</u> 5
<u>HALE</u>	7	55 Lokal
63		<u>SMITHWICK</u> 8
		71
		<u>"C"</u>
		<u>LONG</u> 9
<u>LYDAY</u>	11	57
65		<u>NELSON</u> 12
		53
		<u>"D"</u>
		<u>WENDLING</u> 13
<u>HODGES</u>	15	33 Lyman
25		<u>BOITOMLEY</u> 16
		40 Phillips
		<u>"E"</u>
		<u>RATERING</u> 17
<u>CASTOR</u>	19	41 Evans
29		<u>KADEN</u> 20
		44
		<u>"F"</u>
		<u>HARPSTER</u> 21
<u>TAYLOR</u>	23	43 Hendrex
26		<u>HARTE</u> 24
		32
		<u>"G"</u>
		<u>ROBBINS</u> 25
<u>DILLON</u>	27	21 Tapp
3		<u>SMITH</u> 28
		4 Vos'sells
		<u>"H"</u>
		<u>MCCONNELL</u> 29
<u>HIPPLE</u>	31	11 McFarland
9		<u>HUBBARD</u> 32
		19
		<u>"I"</u>
		<u>WILHELM</u> 33
<u>O'STEEN</u>	35	14
18		<u>WILSON</u> 36
		1
		<u>SPARES</u>
		<u>REYNOLDS</u>
<u>CLAYBOUGH</u>		60
28 Montez		<u>WEILER</u>
		5 Chevalis
		<u>GROUND SPARES</u>
		65

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RADIO CALL SIGNS
320th GROUP

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"TOPNOTCH FIGHTERS."

"A" Channel

TIME

0200-0800

0800-1400

1400-2000

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COLORS OF THE DAY 18 MAY 1944

FLARE COLORS

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THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON

Crew	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
HUNTER, PILOT, Capt.,	443rd	64
WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0940
FICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
SCHWARTZ, NAV. 1st Lt.		
HAROLD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
PEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SNIDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LACIA, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Lt. Col.		
SHEARD, PILOT, 443rd 1st Lt.	443rd	61
LICOUD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0940
DAVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
TERRELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SALVATI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
YIM, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
MIDDLETON, PHOTO,		
PALMER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	63
AYREY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0940
ARMAG, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, Sgt.		
COX, GUNNER, Sgt.		
ROSENTHAL, PHOTO,		
FELT, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	69
WEST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	8	took off 0940
ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.		landed
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
MAI, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRAMER, Radio, S/Sgt.		
GUELLIAMS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WEAKS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	55
HARRINGTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0941
LOKAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
PARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
CALAFUT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
AVERY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
LAWS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	52
DID NOT TAKE OFF		
HALE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	68
HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0941
BROWN, BOMB. Pvt.		landed
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TALASKY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PRICE, GUNNER, Sgt.		
SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	71
SPRANG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0941
HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		
COONS, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
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		GRIFFIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

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WOODRICK , PILOT, Capt.	443rd	57
WALK RECHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0942
BROOKS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
FRUTKIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
BERGAMO, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HANSEN, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MC KINNEY, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	443rd	<i>Early Ret.</i> 50
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LYDAY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	65
SPEED, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0942
SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
VOLOSKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
FLAJNIK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NELSON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	70
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0942
STORICK, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
LARKIN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
WAGNER, RADIO, Sgt.		
ROLFE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	33
GROBOWSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
LYMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		landed
KING, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
MARVICK, GUNNER, Sgt.		
MILLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
BROWN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	37
STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
JACOBSON, BOMB. T/Sgt.		landed
LENNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
MC COY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
ZUPANC, GUNNER, Sgt.		
HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	25
MC DOUGAL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed
FITZGERALD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRIBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
KIRKICH, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOTTOMLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	40
ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0943
PHILLIPS, ENGINEER , 2nd Lt. Bomb.		landed
BOYNE, BOMB 1st Lt. Nav.		
SALVASON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
DENKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
RATERING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	442nd	41
BAKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. EVANS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.		took off 0944
ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. ORGEMON, RADIO, S/Sgt. LOCKWOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		

W	KING, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. HARRINGTON, BOMB. S/Sgt. GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MALBURN, RADIO, Sgt. MIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt.	442nd	46 took off 0944 landed
W	CASPER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. BARRACLOUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt. BELLINGER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, RADIO, S/Sgt. FLYNN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	29 took off 0944 landed
W	KADEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WARD, BOMB. 2nd Lt. O'NEAL, engineer, S/Sgt. COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. BUTLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	44 took off 0944 landed
W	HARPSTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. VANDERBURG, CO PILOT, F/O HENDREX, BOMB. 1st Lt. PEARL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. KNAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt. FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	43 took off 0945 landed
	BAIGARD, PILOT, 2nd Lt. ROBERTSON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. TEICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt. FORREST, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt. COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.	442nd	48 took off 0945 landed
W	TAYLOR, PILOT, 2nd Lt. THORNTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. WESTBROOK, BOMB. S/Sgt. HOWARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. MILLMAN, RADIO, S/Sgt. EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	442nd	26 took off 0945 landed
W	HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. WELCH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. MC CULLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. DELAIRE, RADIO, S/Sgt. SUGGS, GUNNER, Pvt.	442nd	32 took off 0945 landed
W	ROBBINS, PILOT, Capt. PAULANTIS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. TAPP, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt. THURSTON, NAVIGATOR, 1st Lt. HUPPE, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. SPLESS, RADIO, S/Sgt. TOMPKIN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.	441st	21 took off 0946 landed

Early Return

WEST, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	441st	8
LAZO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0946
COCKER, BOMBARDIER, Sgt.		landed
CATALDI, PHOTO, S.t.		
MEARS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
SNOW, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
MARINELLI, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 DILLON, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 3
GOODENOUGH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0946
LC GOLDBRICK, BOMBARDIER, S/S t.		landed
SMITH, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
GAUNT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
METCALF, GUNNER, Cpl.		
 SMITH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 4
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0946
Ves'Sells, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt.		landed
PERFETTO, NAV. 2nd Lt.		
GOODMAN, ENGINEER, 2nd Lt.		
MONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 AC CONNELL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st 441st	 11
WIGINTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0947
AC FARLAND, BOMBARDIER, 1st Lt.		landed
HARRISON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
STEIGENHOFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
CLARK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
 NOLD, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 12
MALCOLM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0947
STONE, BOMBARDIER SGT.		landed
ACERRO, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
SOLDATI, GUNNER, PFC		
 HIPPLE, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 9
MERRILL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0947
SUMMERS, BOMBARDIER, Sgt.		landed
NAUSER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
LEUTHOLT, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
 HUBBARD, PILOT, 1st Lt.	 441st	 19
WIGGINTON, CO PILOT, F/O		took off 0947
BURG, BOMBARDIER, 2nd Lt.		landed
GIGNAC, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LARGENT, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
HAYS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
NABEAU, K, Capt.		
 WILHELM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	 441st	 14
BORDEN, COPILOT, 2nd Lt.		took off 0948
AC ILVENNA, BOMBARDIER, S/Sgt.		landed
LIGGETT, ENGINEER, S/S t.		
RANCCHAUSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
FULK, GUNNER, S/S t.		

WACHTER, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
DINWIDDLE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
VICHA, BOMBARDIER, Sgt.
FRANK, ~~ENGINEER~~, PFC PHOTO
COPPLER, ENGINEER,
MICHAELSEN, RADIO, S/Sgt.
GRIGGS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

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took off 0948
landed

O'STEEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.
KLUG, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHELUCCI, BOMBARDIER, Sgt.
HILL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
CARLISLE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MOORE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
CASEY, GUNNER, Sgt.
SPARES

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took off 0948
landed

REYNOLDS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CARTER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
WESTFALL, BOMB. S/Sgt.
ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HOOD, GUNNER, Sgt.

SPARES
443rd

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SPARES
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took off 0949
landed

DUGAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.
KOLAR, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
PUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.
HENRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
LA GESSE, ~~ENGINEER~~ RADIO, T/Sgt.
SHERMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

443rd

Credit

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took off 0949
landed

CLAYBAUGH, PILOT, 1st Lt.
PORTYNALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
MONTEZ, BOMB. 1st Lt.
MELIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.
KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.
HOYLE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

442nd

Early Ret.

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took off 0949
landed

WEILER, PILOT, 1st Lt.
WIGGINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.
CHAVALAS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.
BOOTH, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
TIPTON, RADIO, Spl.
IANNOTTA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

441st

Early Ret

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took off 1134
landed