

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 344. Day Operation, 13 Sept. 1944.

Flight Commander: Col Fletcher.

A. 320th Bomb Group (M).

B. At 09:10 hours, 20 B-26's took off to bomb Mt. Oggiali area - Area #2, Italy. No B-26's returned early. 20 B-26's were over the target. 10 B-26's dropped 294 x 100-lb demolition bombs (instantaneous fuse in nose and no delay tail fuse), and 10 B-26's dropped 1,200 x 20-lb fragmentation bombs on the target at 11:13 hours from 11,900' to 11,400' on an axis of 0 Deg. True. 2 x 100-lb demolitions were returned to base. 1 A/C carried only 26 x 100-lb demos. 19 B-26's returned to base at 12:55 hours. 1 B-26 landed at Alto as planned. 0 B-26's were lost.

C. Results: The assigned target area was covered with an excellent concentration of bombs. Some bombs landed short.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

- A. Air Activity: None
- B. Situation: None

2. Ground:

- A. General: 3 to 6 AA guns just South East of the target
- B. Communications:
 - (1) 40 M/T headed North on road North East of Firenzuola.
 - (2) 10 M/T parked on road in target area.

- C. Flak: None

- D. Shipping: None

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

a. Executive: Band of cumulus along eastern Sardinia, bases 4-5,000', tops 6,000' and building. Water route clear except for scattered low stratus near coasts. Italy clear south of Appenines. Visibility 15 miles or better in light haze.

b. & c. Vicinity of target and target: 2-3/10ths cumulus, bases 6,000', tops 8,000'. Visibility 15 miles or better in light haze.

d. Return: Cumulus over Eastern Sardinia built up to tops 15,000', bases generally 7,000' with scattered cumulus below.

E. Routes: From Base to Siena; to San Pietro, I.P.; to target; breakaway right; reciprocal course to Base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION #358-9 : FLIGHT COMMANDER: 13 September 1944

			"A"
4	O'MAHONEY 17_Marbella	11 POLAKOV	SMITH
11		MPU	A PLUCK
17	GIRALA 6_Vicha	DIMMIDLE 7 Murray	BOWLES 10 Anderson
10		"C"	
7		EDNARZ	
6	KAUFMAN 11_Sacco	9 Elman	SCHANTZ
14		W.H.	14 Liever
9			
22	JONES E. C. 28_Waynberg	BIRMINGHAM 88 HELLER	DILLING 85 WHITE
85		"E"	
86		MARCH	
91	DAWKINS 25_Colins	31 Rogers	JONES R. W. 95 Bennett
95		MPU	
81		HISEY	
75	LOMATION 27_Coleman	89 Larabee	POLING 77 Lyleson
77		W.G."	
89		HAYWARD	
87	MECHLER 20_Murphy	62 PICKETT	STRACHAN 70 STRICKLAND
50		W.H.	
62		CLAW	
70	TOWNSEND 28_Burris	66 Allen	WEINGART 52 Sherman
58		XEMX "WPA"	
66		HILL	
52	ZOLLER 63_Miaczka	56 Howe	MCLOUD 51_McGinn
63		W.J."	
56		HART	
59	WILLIAMS R.F. 17_Fuller	W. OLIMSTED	BAKER 22_Germano
47		W.H.	
34		SCHINBACH	
28	SPRADLING 40_Hawn	33 Miller	METSCILAN 44 Roberts
40		W.J."	
33		CHEK	
44	GILES 38_Westbrook	27 Villa	ALLEN 43 Millischer
38		SPARES	
27		WAGGINS	
43	HANED 57_Gregg	15 Rojas	TRIMM 94 MatScher
57		GROUND SPARES	
15	20 78 8 48		
94			

***** COLOURS OF THE DAY FOR 13 SEPTEMBER 1944 *****

* RADIO CALL SIGNS

* 320th BOMB GROUP

* "TOPNOTCH" 1 & 2

* TIME

FLARE COLORS

* 0300-0800

YELLOW & YELLOW

* 0800-1400

RED & RED

* 1400-2000

GREEN & GREEN

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 13 SEPTEMBER 1944:

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
WILHELM, PILOT, 1st Lt. 441st	56	11
ARNSDORFF, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	38	took off
POLAKOV, BOMB. 1st Lt.	53	landed 1407
CASSINO, NAV. 1st Lt.	62	
BARTON, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
KRAMER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
PROFOS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FLETCHER, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Colonel		
SMITH, PILOT, Capt. 58	441st	04
HEEREM, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	19	took off 0710
FLOUCK, BOMB. Capt.	55	landed 1303
HANDTE, NAV. 1st Lt.	61	
BRUSH, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
KIRKLAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
STEEVES, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
O'MAHONEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	441st	17
TORONGO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	72	took off 0710
MIRABELLA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	13	landed 1303
LIAS, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.		
ROCKABRAND, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
VOSLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
BOSTIC, PHOTO, Cpl.		
DINWIDDIE, PILOT, 1st Lt.	51	07
BLACK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	5	took off 0710
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	13	landed 1303
LEWIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
TIPTON, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
WILLIAMS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
HAYS, PHOTO, Pvt.		
BOWLES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	11	10
SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	8	took off 0710
ANDERSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	15	landed 1303
MULLIS, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
NELSON, RADIO, Cpl.		
HILL, GUNNER, Sgt.		
grala, pilot, 2nd Lt.	19	06
DOMKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	10	took off 0710
VICHA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 1303
FURCELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TURPEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
HURBAGE, GUNNER, SGT.		
DETANG, PHOTO, Pvt.		
BEDNARZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	50	09
LAMPKE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	6	took off 0710
ELMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	13	landed 1303
WZATT, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
CANZONE, RADIO, Sgt.		
WEBER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SCHRANTZ, PILOT, 1st Lt.	11	14
EVANS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	16	took off 0710
LIEVER, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	7	landed
CONNELL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
GERONTIMOS, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
TAMESLUNAS, GUNNER, Cpl.		

KAUFFMAN, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>12</u>	444th	22 took off landed
PRATT, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>15</u>		
SACCO, BOMB. Pvt.			
FULK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
CARROLL, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
LOFTON, GUNNER, Sgt.			
BIRMINGHAM, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>54</u>	444th	88 took off landed
WADDELL, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>20</u>		
HELLER, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>42</u>		
WEBB, NAV. 2nd t.	<u>28</u>		
COGOLO, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.			
SHAFFER, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
PAUL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
DILLING, PILOT, Capt.	<u>59</u>	444th	85 took off landed
WILBORN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>17</u>		
WHITE, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>59</u>		
DAY, NAV. 2nd Lt.	<u>25</u>		
LEONARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt			
FLEMING, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
WELLA, GUNNER, Sgt.			
E.C. JONES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>59</u>	444th	91 took off landed
ARMSTRONG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>5</u>		
WEYENBERG, BOMB. S/Sgt.			
DUFFEL, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
DELUCA, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt			
MOREY, REED , Cpl. PHOTO			
MARSCH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>62</u>	444th	81 TOOK O F landed
STREKOWSKY, CO PILOT,	<u>12</u>		
ROGERS, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>58</u>		
HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
TKOCH, RADIO, Sgt.			
MASON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
JONES, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>12</u>	444th	95 took off landed
ELLIS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>14</u>		
BENNETT, BOMB. S/Sgt.			
THAIN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
POZNIAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
VILLINES, GUNNER, Sgt.			
DAWKINS, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>17</u>	444th	75 took off landed
CATALANO, CO PILOT, F/O	<u>15</u>		
CAIRNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<u>13</u>		
HIGHTOWER, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
CHAMBERLAIN, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
BUCHANAN, GUNNER, Sgt.			
LINDQUIST, PHOTO, Sgt.			
HISEY, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>39</u>	444th	89 took off landed
FOWLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			
LARRABEE, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>3</u>		
CLARK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
FERGUSON, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
POLAND, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			

POLING, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>20</u>	444th	77	
HAHER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off	
NELSON, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<u>5</u>		landed	
GAY, ENGINEER, Sgt.				
RUMMEL, RADIO, Sgt.				
PIGGOTT, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
HARINGTON, RADIO, S/sgt.				
LOGSDON, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>15</u>	444th	87	
JOHNSTON, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>12</u>		took off	
GOLIMAN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	//		landed	
KELLEY, ENGINEER, Sgt.				
RAINES, RADIO, Sgt.				
HULLET, GUNNER, CPL.				
WITT, RADIO, Sgt.				
HAYWARD, PILOT, CAPT.	<u>16</u>	443rd	62	
KRIMM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>7</u>		took off	
PICKETT, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>44</u>		landed	
TARANTO, NAV. 1st Lt.	<u>56</u>			
LUTHER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
CAIN, RADIO, Sgt.				
COX, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
NUNNALLEE, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt.				
STRACHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>51</u>	443rd	70	
SPEED, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>49</u>		took off	
STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>57</u>		landed	
PRIGMORE, NAV. 2nd Lt.	<u>13</u>			
WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Sgt.				
HAMMONDS, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
ZACHAR, GUNNER, Sgt.				
HECKLER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>42</u>	443rd	50	
LIVSEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>15</u>		took off	
MURRAY, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<u>15</u>		landed	
TALSKY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
FURTEZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.				
TROUTMAN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, Sgt.				
CLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt.	<u>45</u>	443rd	66	
CONNELLY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off	
ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt.	<u>38</u>		landed	
BARRY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
MARSTELLAR, RADIO, T/Sgt.				
KIMMICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.				
WEINGART, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>16</u>	443rd	52	
DAILY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off	
SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.			landed	
SIMMONS, ENGINEER, SPL.				
HARISON, RADIO, Sgt.				
BEALE, GUNNER, Sgt.				
TOWNSEND, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	<u>17</u>	443rd	48	
BLASCO, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.			took off	
PURVIS, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	<u>12</u>		landed	
GORMAN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.				
MC QUEEN, RADIO, Sgt.				
HASKINS, GUNNER, CPL.				

HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 443rd 56
YOUNG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. took off 3271
HOWE, BOMB. 2nd Lt. landed 146
WATHEN, ENGINEER, Sgt. EARLY
GRAHAM, RADIO, Sgt.
PECK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

NICOUUD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 40 443rd 08
NIENABER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 9 took off 3271
ADAMS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 50 landed 146
BUJEL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WAGNER, RADIO, S/Sgt.
ZETGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.
COLLINS, PHOTO, S/Sgt.

ZOELLER, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 17 443rd 63
KENT, CO PILOT, 3rd Lt. 6 took off 3271
MIAZGA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 25 landed 146
LALLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
WONG, GUNNER, S/Sgt.
MOTTSANBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.

HARTE, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63 442nd 34
INGHAM, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12 took off 3271
OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. 55 landed 146
WERNICK, NAV. 2nd Lt. 16
KING, ENGINEER, Sgt.
TRIBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

BAKER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 43 442nd 28
MC NAMARA, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 12 took off 3271
GERMANO, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 35 landed 146
HOOD, NAV. 2nd Lt. 9
MC CULAY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SAVERETTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.
MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

WILLIAMS, R.F., PILOT, 1st Lt. 57 442nd 47
STUTLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 18 took off 3271
FULLER, BOMB. T/Sgt. landed 146
MORROW, ENGINEER, Sgt.
RENICK, RADIO, Cpl.
CORZINE, GUNNER, Sgt.
MUSA, PHOTO, Cpl.

STEINBACH, PILOT, Capt. 20 442nd 33
BRENNAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4 took off 3271
MILLER, BOMB. Sgt. landed 146
O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.
SHEARER, RADIO, Cpl.
CHAPMAN, GUNNER, Sgt.

METSCHAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 22 442nd 44
MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 22 took off 3271
ROBERTS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. // landed 146
WIDAU, ENGINEER, Sgt.
BESSIRE, RADIO, T/Sgt.
JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

SPEAKLINE XXXI

SPRAULING, PILOT, 1st Lt.	18	442nd	42
ROSS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	17	442nd	40
HAUN, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	9		took off 1312
WALDEN, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			landed 1312
ORGERON, RADIO, T/Sgt.			
SEILER, GUNNER, Sgt.			
CINEILLO, PHOTO, Sgt.			
 GREGG, PILOT, 1st Lt.	63	442nd	27
SCHANE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	11		took off 1312
VILA, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	22		landed 1312
SURABIAN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
NEWTON, RADIO, Sgt.			
WEATHER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 ALLEN, PILOT, 1st Lt.	53	442nd	43
MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	24		took off 1312
MILITSCHER, BOMB. Sgt.			landed 1312
MOORE, ENGINEER, SGT.			
CHASE, RADIO, Sgt.			
ORTEGO, GUNNER, Sgt.			
 GILES, PILOT, 1st Lt.	12	442nd	38
LA CHASSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	24		took off 1312
WESTBROOK, BOMB. Cpl.			landed 1312
PEARD, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
SIMEC, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 HAMEL, PILOT, 1st Lt.	42	443rd	57
MILLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	16		took off 1312
GREENE, BOMB. 2nd Lt.	12		landed 1312
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.			
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.			
MELE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.			
 SPARES SPARES		SPARES	SP. RES
TRIMM, PILOT, 2nd Lt.	16	444th	94
SMITH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	9		took off 1312
HATCHER, BOMB. T/Sgt.			landed 1312
DOWLEN, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SHROLL, RADIO, Sgt.			
ROSS, GUNNER, Sgt.			
 WIGGINS, PILOT, 1st Lt.	44	441st	15
FORSYTHE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	5		took off 1312
ROJAS, BOMB. F/O			landed 1312
DUARTE, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.			
WENDELL, GUNNER, Cpl.			
 ZELLERBACH, PILOT, 1st Lt.	48	442nd	42
CHILDS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.	14		took off 1312
FARWELL, BOMB. Sgt.			landed 1312
POSHEK, ENGINEER, Sgt.			
SHEEHY, RADIO, C. l.			
DELSKI, GUNNER, Cpl.			