

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 277, Day Operation, 12 July 1944

Flight Commander: Captain Probaseo.

A. 320th Bombardment Group (M).

B. At 16:02 hours, 34 B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off to bomb Caselmaggiore Railroad Bridge (M/R: F-175949, sheet 73), Italy. 1 B-26 returned early because it was a spare. 33 B-26's were over the target and dropped 132 x 1,000# Demolition bombs (1/10 & .01 second delay fuses) on the target at 18:48 hours from 9,500' to 9,000' on an Axis of 326°T. 20 B-26's returned to base at 20:40 hours; 13 B-26's landed at Corsica for gas and returned late between 21:47 hours and 22:05 hours.

C. Results: One Squadron's bombs landed in the center of the bridge in a good pattern, scoring probable direct hits; another Squadron hit the South approaches; a few bombs landed over to the West.

D. Observations:

1. Air:

a. Air Activity: Spitfires provided escort.

b. Situation:

(1) At Reggio Emilo, 10/12 A/C, 8 on west side, 4 on the North end at 18:42 hours.

(2) At L-0491, new landing strip with 2 A/C at 18:40 hours.

(3) New landing strip, with dirt and grass runway at L-4387 at 18:53 hours.

2. Ground:

a. General:

(1) Enemy jamming command frequency by repeating German phrases at 18:30 hours to 19:16 hours.

(2) Radio towers, on each side of river at K-9612.

(3) At P-5115, radio tower.

(4) At P-6271, large building defended by 3 light AA positions; 2 large white triangles on roof.

(5) Target was down on South end prior to bombing.

b. Communications:

(1) At F-1712, train of 12 RR cars moving North at 18:47 hours.

(2) RR cars observations of morning's mission, no change.

c. Flak:

AREA	Int.	Type		Accuracy		Type	Positions-Comments
		Flak	Hdl.	Alt.	Def.		
Reggio Emilia A/D	S	H		A	I	12 bursts.	
La Spezia	S	Hdl.		A	I	2 guns at P-6212. 1 gun at P-6609.	

d. Shippings: No change.

3. Losses: None. Damaged: None.

4. Weather:

- a. Clouds: Scattered cumulus at 5,000'.
- b. Targets: Open; 4/10ths at 5,000' in general area.
- c. Return: As enroute.

E. Routes: Landfall at Moneglia; to Edge Val di Torro; to Faiso; to I.P., Magnola; to target; breakaway left to Fidanza; to Mollazzo; to Moneglia; to base.

F. Comments: None.

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Group Intelligence Officer.

MISSION # 295 FLIGHT COMMANDER: Cpt. REBARCO. SECOND MISSION 12 July 1944.

	WIKKAI	RITCHIE	CAWILL
RUNWAY LINE UP	61 Tyson	64 SWINDLER	70 WIDWELL
61		<b>MACKINNON</b>	No 70
64	KIMEL	51 Davis	HILL
70	59 Putman	65 Szwaska	60 Szafir
59		<b>HARRIS</b>	No 70
51	WEST	65 Adams	DUGAN
60	63 Flajnik	50 Sherman	
65		55 Gorman	
63		WESTING	
66	ESTES	34 FROSTON	HARFSTER
50	33 Chamberlin		30 CLMSTEAD
55		ROGAN J. J.	
38	BAKER J. J.	25 May 10	GRABOWSKY
34	95 Harlan	ARMSTRONG	79 Stough
30		20 McWay	
95		BARKARD	
25	KLASK	45 Spann	HODGES
79	47 Jacobson	KING	43 Harmon
29		32 Friend	
47		"G"	
45		E&LT	
43	TIRM	62 ALLEN	HUNTER
32	53 Henry		56 STRICKLAND
53		"H"	
62		KALIN	
56	GREGG	33 Burns	ROBERTSON
37	37 Miller	CASAR	27 Milsher
33		AQ Cohen	
27		"I"	
40		FORNER	
99	TURNER	77 Hopfner	<b>DICKERSON</b>
84	89 Sheehan	SINGER	84 Bennett
77		95 P. Balich	
89		SPARES	
21	MYERS	ASHER	BORDEN
9	21 Penkava	9 Murry	14 Vollmer

COLORS OF THE DAY FOR 12 JULY 1944.

TIME	FLARE COLORS
0200-0800	YELLOW & YELLOW RED
* 0800-1400	GREEN & YELLOW
* 1400-2000	RED & YELLOW

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 \* RADIO CALL SIGNS  
 \* 320th Bomb Group  
 \* "TOPNOTCH"  
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**DICKERSON** No 70  
 84 Bennett

Dickerson  
 94 Bennett

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATIONS OF 12 JULY 1944.

CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
RITCHEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49	443rd	64
GOODWIN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 60		took off 1602
SWINDLER, BOMB. CAPT. 48		LANDED 2058
G DORE, NAV. 1st Lt. 45		
JONES, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TURATTI, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
TEETERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
*PROBASCOX, FLIGHT COMMANDER, Capt. 52		
CAUDILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 59	443rd	70
BRAINERD, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 2		took off 1602
6 B TIDWELL, BOMB. Capt. 56		landed 2058
UNDERWOOD, NAV. 1st Lt. 42		
SOMMONSTINE, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
HILDENBRAND, RADIO, /Sgt.		
GRIEWANK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
SHUH, CAPT. X,		
WIRKALA, PILOT, 1st Lt. 31	443rd	69
PETROSKI, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 1602
TYSON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2058
W ELLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
ROMIG, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HOOD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
COLLINS, PHOTO, Cpl.		
MAC KINNON, PILOT, Capt.	443rd	51
ZOELLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt.		NO TAKE OFF
HILL, PILOT, 1st Lt. 31	443rd	60
KODAS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 2		took off 1603
W SZAFIR, BOMB. S/Sgt. -		landed 2059
LUPER, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
SALVATTI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
HANSEN, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
FAMEL, PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25	443rd	59
W WOODHURST, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 31		took off 1603
PUTNAM, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2059
COFFEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
TRAWEEK, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
ZEIGLER, GUNNER, Sgt.		
LA FORREST, PHOTO, PVT.		
WEEKLEY, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58	443rd	65
W CRATER, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 58		took off 1603
STRAKA, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2157
ADAMS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
LAFFERTY, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
SUGGS, GUNNER, Cpl.		
TRIBBEY, PHOTO, 1st Lt.		
BARKER, PILOT, 1st Lt.	443rd	66
BEAUDRO, CO PILOT, 1st Lt.		NO TAKE OFF

	DUGAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>53</sup>	443rd	50
	KOLAR, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>54</sup>		took off 1605
✓	SHERMAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2044
	CUMMINS, ENGINEER, S t.		
	MOTSENBOCKER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	PRICE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	WEST, PILOT, Capt. <sup>9</sup>	443rd	63
	WEINGART, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>3</sup>		took off 1605
✓	FLAJNIK, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2100
	DELVIN, ENGINEER, Sgg.		
	CALLAHAN, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	FURTZ, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
✓	SMITHWICK, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>61</sup>	443rd	55
	SHERWOOD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>2</sup>		took off 1605
	GORMAN, BOMB. Cpl.		landed 2101
	COONS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	MAIER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	griffin, gunner, s/Sgt.		
	WENDLING, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>56</sup>	442nd	34
	OBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>27</sup>		took off 1606
	FREESTONE, BOMB. 1st Lt. <sup>55</sup>		landed 2040
G	PINCOMB, NAV. 1st Lt. <sup>43</sup>		
	ELLSWORTH, ENGINEER, S/ gt.		
	HUGHES, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	MARVICK, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO, Cpl.		
✓	HARPSTER, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>48</sup>	442nd	30
	MAYFIELD, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>3</sup>		took off 1606
	OLMSTED, BOMB. 1st Lt. <sup>43</sup>		landed 2101+
	BOYNE, NAV. 1st Lt. <sup>59</sup>		
	PEARL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	KMAUER, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	FIELD, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ESTES, PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>13</sup>	442nd	38
	WELLS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>11</sup>		took off 1606
	CHAMBERLIN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2130±
W	PAYNE, <del>WALKER</del> X, Sgt.		
	PUTNAM, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	TRIBOLI, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	HALL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	FRANK, PHOTO, Cpl.		
	ROWAN, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>52</sup>	442nd	25
✓	MOONEY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>44</sup>		took off 1606
	MAGGIO, BOMB. 1st Lt. <sup>46</sup>		landed 2040
	MANNING, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	BLUM, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BUTH, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
W	GRABOWSKI, PILOT, 1st Lt. <sup>56</sup>	442nd	79
	LA CHOSSE, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. <sup>4</sup>		took off 1607
	STOUGH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. <sup>8</sup>		<del>landed</del>
	WALKER, ENGINEER, S gt.		
	DANKO, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	BENTLEY, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		2156

	BAKER, J.J. PILOT, 2nd Lt. 25	442nd	95
	STERN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 28		took off 1607
W	HARLAN, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2126
	MC CULLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	PASTORAK, RADIO, Sgt.		
	JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ARMSTRONG PILOT, 1st Lt. 51	442nd	29
	MC OMBER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 1607
W	MC CRAY, BOMB. Sgt.		landed 2102
	HUSTON, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	FORREST, RADIO, Sgt.		
	EARL, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	BARNARD, PILOT, 1st Lt. 48	442nd	45
F	ROJNOVSKY, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1		took off 1608
	SEANN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 78		landed 2042
	ROCHESTER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	WASACZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	RODGERS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HODGES, PILOT, 1st Lt. 61	442nd	43
W	STEINBACH, CO PILOT, Capt. 7		took off 1608
	HARMON, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2042
	cremer, engineer, sgt.		
	CHASE, RADIO, Sgt.		
	SPANGLER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	COLTON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	KLARK, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53	442nd	47
	PORCYMALUK, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 1608
W	FULLER, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2147
	GOLDBERG, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	CLEMMENEN, RADIO, Sgt.		
	KANE, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	KING, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63	442nd	32
W	MC LAUGHLIN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 4		took off 1608
	FRIEND, BOMB. S/Sgt.		landed 2152
	BLY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.		
	ORGERON, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	ROSS, GUNNER, T/Sgt.		
	FELT, PILOT, Capt. 45	443rd	62
	REYNOLDS, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 58		took off 1609
G	ALLEN, BOMB. 1st Lt. 46		landed 2101
	BROCKS, NAV. 2nd Lt. 18		
	LALLY, ENGINEER, Sgt.		
	GLOWATSE, RADIO, S/Sgt.		
	SNIDER, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	HUNTER, PILOT, Capt. 54	443rd	56
C-B	HECKLER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 26		took off 1609
	STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt. 40		landed 2047
	<del>STRICKLAND, BOMB. 1st Lt.</del>		
	NOBEL, NAV. 1st Lt. 54		
	NELSON, ENGINEER, PVT.		
	FEAVER, RADIO, T/Sgt.		
	PECK, GUNNER, Sgt.		

40	FIRM, PILOT, 1st Lt. MORAN, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 36 HENRY, BOMB. S/Sgt.	443rd	53 took off 1609 landed 2131
W	WILLIAMS, ENGINEER, Pvt. TALSKY, RADIO, S/Sgt. WONG, GUNNER, Cpl. CHRISTIANSON, PHOTO, PFC		
	KADEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 53 ROWAN, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1	442nd	33 took off 1610 landed 2058
F	BURNS, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15 O'NEAL, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. COONEY, RADIO, S/Sgt. JOHNSON, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	ROBERTSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. 49 VANDREBURG, CO PILOT, F/O 26	442nd	27 took off 1610 landed 2159
W	MELITZCHER, BOMB. Sgt. MARGOLIS, ENGINEER, S/Sgt. GAVENETAL, RADIO, S/Sgt. WEISS, GUNNER, S/Sgt.		
	GRIGG, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 46 ZELLERBACH, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 37	442nd	37 took off 1610 landed 2125
W	MILLER, BOMB. Sgt. penton, engineer, s/Sgt. KRAUSE, RADIO, S/Sgt. BIKELSON, GUNNER, Sgt. MEDELETON, PHOTO, Sgt.		
	CASOR, PILOT, 1st Lt. 58 BARACLOUGH, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 32	442nd	40 took off 1610 landed 2059
N	COHEN, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2 BOLLINGER, ENGINEER, Sgt. BALBURN, RADIO, S/Sgt. turner, gunner, s/ gt.		
	HOWLER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 63 NOWACK, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 64	444th	88 took off landed 2124
F	MEPHER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 15 COCOLO, ENGINEER, F/Sgt. WOOD, RADIO, S/Sgt. BROWN, GUNNER, S/Sgt. CONRAD, X, Capt.		
	DICKERSON, PILOT, 1st Lt. WALKER, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. NO TAKE OFF	444th	84 <del>took off</del>
	TURNER, H.D., PILOT, 1st Lt. 53 WILSON, CO PILOT, 1st Lt. 55	444th	82 took off 1611 landed 2101
N	SHEEHAN, BOMB. Sgt. GIUFFRE, ENGINEER, Sgt. VIXCOMI, RADIO, ALEXANDER, GUNNER, STALCUP, X,		

SINGER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 54  
DANKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 5  
FRANKICH, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 14  
W HENDRICK, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
ROSS, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
MOSKOWITZ, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
CADWIN, X. S/Sgt.

99  
took off 1611  
landed 2205

SPARES  
MYERS, PILOT, 1st Lt. 25  
MC CURDY, CO PILOT, F/O 2  
W PENKAVA, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 3  
FERNANDEZ, ENGINEER, T/Sgt.  
BREZNAK, RADIO, S/Sgt.  
BUSH, GUNNER, Sgt.

SPARES  
21  
took off 1112  
landed 2100

BORDEN, PILOT, 1st Lt. 30  
JUNKINS, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 1  
W VOLLMER, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 1  
GULLIVER, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
Kirkland, radio, s/sgt.  
FATA, GUNNER, /Sgt.

14  
took off 1603  
landed 2009

0204  
ASHER, PILOT, 1st Lt. 26  
BEDNARZ, CO PILOT, 2nd Lt. 33  
MURPHY, BOMB. 2nd Lt. 2  
LICKEY, ENGINEER, S/Sgt.  
COOK, RADIO, Sgt.  
MEDINA, GUNNER, S/Sgt.

9  
took off 1611  
landed 2133