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319th Bomb Group

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U.S. RESTRICTED EQUALS BRITISH RESTRICTED

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT
 SCOR FORM 34

DESIGNATION OF UNIT: 319th Bombardment (M) Group (or separate Squadron)

SQUADRONS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT 437th, 438th, 439th, 440th

24 hr Period Ending 2000 Hrs 3 March 4 1944 . b Mission No. 180

Number and Type of A/C Airborne 28 B-26's . Time of Take Off 0853 hours

Time of Landing 1325 hours . Time over Target 1123 hours

b. No. A/C not reaching enemy lines (indicate reason)
XII BC
XII ASC 3 squares. 1 mechanical failure (loss of power).

c. No. A/C crossing enemy lines but failing to attack (indicate reason)
Nil

d. No. A/C not completing mission (indicate reason)
XII Fw
Cmd.

TARGET: a. Name and Location Ostia Lido N/Y, Rome, Italy.

Pinpoint or Precise Aiming Point _____

MISSION: a. Type Objective bombing. All ships bomb entrail off lead ship

Escorted by 6 Spitfires Escorting _____
 (Unit, No. & Type of A/C) (Unit, No. & Type of A/C)

For Fighter Bombers Only
 No. of A/C carrying bombs _____ Duty of A/C carrying no bombs _____

ENEMY RESISTANCE:	TYPE	INTENSITY	ACCURACY
A/A Over Target	Heavy CP	Slight	Accurate in altitude but off in deflection.
A/A Enroute	light	slight	inaccurate
			Nil

No. & Type B/A Encountered (indicate where) _____

WEATHER (Over Target) .2 to .3 scattered broken to scattered

Altitude and Range of ATTACK 9,500 to 10,500 feet

TOTAL FLYING HOURS (to nearest five minutes) 2b - 1050 hrs. 2c - 9835 hrs.

AMMUNITION:	Caliber	Rounds Carried	Rounds Expended	Rounds Lost on Missing and destroyed A/C
	.50	100,800	Nil	Nil

BOMBS, TORPEDOS, DEPTH CHARGES AND PYROTECHNICS:

Type	Fusing	Number Carried	Number Expended	Jettisoned (reason)	Lost on Missing or Destroyed A/C
500/GP	.1 nose & .025 tail	161	135	2 (rock failure)	Nil
500/GP	12 hr delay	5	5	Nil	Nil
500/GP	24 hr delay	2	2	Nil	Nil

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11. VICTORIES: (indicate gun position with victory, NOT individuals name)

a. Destroyed --- Credit b. Probable --- Credit Damaged
N11 N11

12. OWN AIRCRAFT LOSSES: (on combat missions)

	Destroyed	Missing	damaged Cat. 1	Cat. 2
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a. By enemy action
 indicate cause N11 N11 1 (flak)

b. Not by enemy action
 indicate cause N11 N11

c. Returned from Missing N11 Reported Missing on Mission # N11
date

13. CREW CASUALTIES:

Specialty	Crew Position	Status	Cause
N11	N11	K MJA SW LW	

Returned Previously Reported Missing:

Specialty	Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	Wounded SW or LW
N11	N11		

14. Short Narrative, including Results, Sightings, and Facts of Interest:
 At 0853 hrs 23 B-26's took off to bomb Ostia M/Y, Rome, Italy. 4 early returns (3 spares & 1 Mech). 24 A/C dropped bombs on target at 1123 hrs from 9,500 to 10,500 ft. 23 A/C returned at 1325 hrs. 1 landed at Naples for gas, returned at 1635. Complete coverage of assigned area. Many RR cars hit & several explosions followed by black smoke at E end of M/Y. 1 Spitfire seen on fire (Pilot bailed out).

15. All other aircraft losses (destroyed on the ground, on Training Flts, etc)
 N11

16. Has Weekly Letter of "Remarks and Recommendations" as of Sat. 2000 hrs been forwarded thru channels? _____

17. CONSUMPTION TABLE: week ending _____
 To be submitted only each Saturday as of 2000 hrs. Include expenditures for all purposes.

a. Total hours Flown _____	c. Total Gas Consumed _____
b. No. and Type of Long Range Tanks Jettisoned, Lost or Destroyed _____	
d. BOMBS, TORP, D.C. PYRO	AMMUNITION
Type No.	Caliber Rounds

For the Commanding Officer:

John H. Dare Jr
 JOHN H. DARE, JR.,
 Capt., Air Corps,
 Statistical Officer.

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24 hr Period Ending 2000 Hrs 10 Mar 1944 b Mission No. 183

Number and Type of A/C Airborne 40 B-26a Time of Take Off 0900

Time of Landing 1253 . Time over Target 1129

b. No. A/C not reaching enemy lines (indicate reason) _____

XII BC
XII ASC

3 spares and 1 mech failure returned early

c. No. A/C crossing enemy lines but failing to attack (indicate reason) _____

6 A/C failed to attack, not in position to drop

d. No. A/C not completing mission (indicate reason) _____

XII Ftr
Cmd.

TARGET: a. Name and Location Tiburina N/Y at Rome

Pinpoint or Precise Aiming Point Tiburina N/Y

MISSION: a. Type Objective bombing, all ships drop in trail off lead ship

Escorted by 52nd Ftr. Spitfires Escorting 319th B-26's
(Unit, No. & Type of A/C) (Unit, No. & Type of A/C)

For Fighter Bombers Only

No. of A/C carrying bombs _____ Duty of A/C carrying no bombs _____

ENEMY RESISTANCE: TYPE INTENSITY ACCURACY

L/A Over Target H Slt Accurate

L/A Enroute nil

No. & Type E/A Encountered (indicate where) nil

WEATHER (Over Target) CAVU (Enroute) Scattered to broken

Altitude and Range of ATTACK 11000' to 9500'

TOTAL FLYING HOURS (to nearest five minutes) 2b 11:10 2c 25:35 123:15

AMMUNITION:	Caliber	Rounds Carried	Rounds Expended	Rounds Lost on Missing and destroyed A/C
	<u>50</u>	<u>144,000</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>

BOMBS, TORPEDOS, DEPTH CHARGES AND PYROTECHNICS:

Type	Fusing	Number Carried	Number Expended	Jettisoned	Lost on Missing or Destroyed A/C
<u>500# GP 1 & 025</u>	<u>*****</u>	<u>240</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>---</u>
<u>3 returned to base</u>					

11.25
25.50
123.25
160.00

*** 18 bombs had delay action fuses.

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SQUADRONS INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT 437, 438, 439, 440

24 hr Period Ending 2000 Hrs 14 Mar 1944 b Mission No. 186

Number and Type of A/C Airborne 59 B-26 . Time of Take Off 0944

Time of Landing 1419 . Time over Target 1245

b. No. A/C not reaching enemy lines (indicate reason) _____

XII BC
 XII ASC

3 spares returned early

c. No. A/C crossing enemy lines but failing to attack (indicate reason) _____

1 A/C loss of power, 6 A/C did not drop, lead ship faulty gyro

d. No. A/C not completing mission (indicate reason) _____

XII Ftr
 Cmd.

TARGET: a. Name and Location Prenestina M/Y at Rome

Pinpoint or Precise Aiming Point Prenestina M/Y at Rome

MISSION: a. Type Objective Bombing

Escorted by _____ Escorting _____
 (Unit, No. & Type of A/C) (Unit, No. & Type of A/C)

For Fighter Bombers Only
 No. of A/C carrying bombs _____ Duty of A/C carrying no bombs _____

ENEMY RESISTANCE: TYPE INTENSITY ACCURACY

A/A Over Target H slt Inaccurate

A/A Enroute nil

No. & Type E/A Encountered (indicate where) nil

WEATHER (Over Target) CAVO (Enroute) broken

Altitude and Range of ATTACK 11500' to 12000'

TOTAL FLYING HOURS (to nearest five minutes) 25. 11:35 26. 09:10 143:10

AMMUNITION:

Caliber	Rounds Carried	Rounds Expended	Rounds Lost on Missing and destroyed A/C
<u>50</u>	<u>140,400</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>

BOMBS, TORPEDOS, DEPTH CHARGES AND PYROTECHNICS:

Type	Fusing	Number Carried	Number Expended	Jettisoned	Lost on Missing or Destroyed A/C
<u>500# GP</u>	<u>.1 & 025</u>	<u>512</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
			<u>12 returned</u>		

115
 3525
 143.25
 190.00

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