

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Office of the Group Intelligence Officer
APO 520

Intelligence Narrative No. 55, Day Operation, 26 July 1943

Fifteen B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group took off this morning to bomb Marina Di Paola, Italy Marshalling Yards. They were escorted by 24 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. One (1) B-26 returned early because of landing gear failure after jettisoning its bombs into the sea. One (1) B-26 left the formation because of engine trouble prior to bombing and made a single engine landing at Boccadifalco A/D, Sicily. The bomber was not damaged. Thirteen (13) B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: 50° T for 160 miles after rendezvous with escort at this base at 4,000'; 74° T for 168 miles to Stromboli Island, climbing to 8,000'; 90° T, sweeping curve to the left to I.P., Amantea, for 63 miles climbing to 10,000'; bomb run, 353° T for 16 miles, dropping to 9,000'; breakaway left. From Target: Curve to the left, 248° T for 225 miles; 230° T for 160 miles to this base dropping to 3,000'.

Bombs: 120 x 300 lb demolition bombs 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 15 B-26's. 8 x 300 lb demolition bombs jettisoned in the sea by one (1) B-26 that returned early. 8 x 300 lb demolition bombs at Boccadifalco A/D, Sicily, carried by 1 B-26 that landed there prior to bombing. 104 x 300 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area.

Chronology: Time off between 08:12 and 08:19; rendezvous 08:25; on course 08:30; target 10:22; down at this base between 12:25 and 12:30.

Results: A pattern of bombs was formed along the beach, with some in the water, just west of the marshalling yards. Direct hits were scored on buildings and cement block-houses at the south end and just west of the marshalling yards by a pattern of bombs which almost completely bracketed them. Two direct hits were scored on freight cars in the center of the marshalling yards, and some bombs landed along cars on the western edge of the yards.

Flak: None encountered.

Enemy aircraft: None encountered (see observations for sightings).

Observations: (1) Three flights, totaling 20/25 JU-88's headed north on the deck just west of Stromboli Island sighted at 10:00 from 8,000'. One (1) crew reported that a white MA-200 accompanied the formation.

(2) One MA-200 on the deck headed north was sighted at 10:22 from 9,000'.

(3) Three (3) S/P's on the deck 20 miles north of Palermo sighted at 09:35 from 8,000'.

(4) A large explosion followed by fire was seen on Malsi Point just north of Terrasini Favaretta at 09:28 from 8,000'.

(5) Four small boats firing heavy slight inaccurate flak, thought to be at JU-88's mentioned in paragraph (1), at 38° 20' N, 13° 25' E, were

seen at 09:35 from 8,000'.

(6) Two (2) freight trains of approximately 40 cars each, with diesel locomotives. One headed north and the other headed south, at 39° 10' N, 16° 04' were sighted at 10:21 from 8,000'.

(7) 17% cars were counted in the marshalling yards at target at 10 from 9,000'.

Enemy Shipping: (1) Two (2) M/T boats heading into Stromboli Harbor, 11 small boats moving east along northern shore of Stromboli Island, sighted at 11:00 from 8,000'.

(2) One (1) small landing type craft heading north one mile west of the target was sighted at 10:23 from 8,000'.

(3) Four (4) medium M/V's just off Trapani headed southwest at 8 knots were sighted at 10:10 from 8,000'.

(4) One (1) large M/V and 6 small boats were sighted along the coast in the Gulf of S. Eufemia at 10:23 from 9,000'.

Our Losses: None. The B-26 that returned to this base early was damaged on landing due to faulty nose gear.

Weather: None.

Comments: None.

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MISSION NO. 65 55
FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPT. BELTZER.

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<u>WALKER</u> 009	<u>KIRLEY</u> 176	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 167
<u>URNER</u> 853	<u>BOOTH</u> 904	<u>TOWNS</u> 025
<u>BREWER</u> 041	<u>CARTER</u> 851	<u>TRESCH</u> 010
<u>LOVENS</u> 999	<u>HAINROTH</u> 283	<u>HOLMES</u> 017
	spares	
<u>NORTHINGTON</u> 298 013	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 776	<u>MILLER</u> 298
	<u>ROBERTS</u> 894	

ORDER OF LINE-UP

<u>RUNWAY #1</u>		<u>RUNWAY #2</u>	
Kirley	176	Montsinger	167
Walker	009	Booth	904
Towns	025	Urner	853
Carter	851	Brewer	041
Tresch	010	Hainroth	283
Holmes	017	Lovens	999
Karlowitz	776	Miller	298
Northington 298 013		Roberts	894

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SUBJECT: Photos.

TO : Commanding General, 2686 (M) Bomb Wing (US), APO 520.

1. The following is the location of the cameras of the formation as over the target (Marina Di Paola R.R. Yards, Italy), of this Group, this date.

	009	T	
K-17	(T)		T
		T	
		T	T

		851 - K-17	
	041	(T)	
K-20	(T)		T
		T	
	T	776	T
		(T)	K-20

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LIST OF COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON MARINO DI PAOLA, ITALY,
JULY 26, 1943:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Kirley, Pilot, Captain Sims, Co-Pilot, Captain Perrin, Bombardier, Captain Macia, Navigator, Captain Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176	a
		0812 Took-off: Landed at: 1225	
		Capt. Belcher flew as Flight Commander.	
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Tapp, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Tackman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	167	c
		0812:30 Took-off: Landed at: 1225 ⁺	
WALKER, PILOT, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Scott, Nav-Bombardier, T/Sgt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	009	B
		0813 Took-off: Landed at: 1225 ⁺	
		T/Sgt. Waltman flew as Photographer.	
Booth, Pilot, Captain Green, Co-Pilot Burton, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Klingeman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	904	c
		0813:30 Took-off: Landed at: 1224	
Towns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Hicks, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ott, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Dicke, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeSantis, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Szewczyk, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	025	B
		0814 Took-off: Landed at: 1226 ⁺	
		Capt. Dorman flew as observer.	
Urner, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	444th	853	B
	FAILED TO TAKE OFF.		
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Boswell, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	851	B
		0815 Took-off: Landed at: 1227	
		Capt. Holt flew as Observer.	
Brewer, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Quine, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	041	B
		0816 Took-off: Landed at: 1118 (crashed)	

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Graves, Co-Pilot, F/O. Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	010 B Took-off: 0815:30 Landed at: 1227 ⁺
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smith, Co-Pilot, Lt. Miller, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	283 B Took-off: 0816:30 Landed at: 1228 Capt. Fiday flew as Observer.
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Rogers, Navigator-Bombardier, Captain Walden, Engineer-Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio-Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial-Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017 B Took-off: 0817 Landed at: 1230
Lovece, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baucum, Co-Pilot, 2nd Lt. Evans, Navigator-Bombardier, 1st Lt. Branning, Engineer-Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio-Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial-Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 C Took-off: 0817:30 Landed at: 1228 ⁺

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Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain LaMoe, Co-Pilot, F/O Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt. Fishman, Engineer-Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio-Gunner, T/Sgt. Cain, Aerial-Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	776 B Took-off: 0818:30 Landed at: 1228 ⁺
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Boughter, Co-Pilot, F/O Payton, Navigator-Bombardier, 1st Lt. Følger, Engineer-Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio-Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial-Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298 B Took-off: 0819 Landed at: 1227 ⁺
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-Pilot, F/O Meadows, Navigator-Bombardier, S/Sgt. Horne, Engineer-Gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio-Gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial-Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	013 B Took-off: 0818 Landed at: 1226 ⁺
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-Pilot, 1st Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Hansen, Radio-Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd Butler, Bombardier, Captain Ramierese, Eng-Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aer-Gunner, S/Sgt.	894 B Took-off: 0819: Landed at: 1226 ⁺