

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 58, Day Operation, 7 <sup>AUGUST</sup> July 1943

Forty B-26's took off this morning to bomb Angitola River railroad Bridge, Italy. They were escorted by 36 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. Four B-26's returned early, one because of an oil leak, and three were spares. The target was bombed successfully. One B-26 was damaged by flak over the target and crash landed at Palermo. The crew is safe. Thirty-two B-26's returned to this base on schedule. 3 B-26's returned late after accompanying the damaged aircraft to Palermo; two of these had landed there temporarily to ascertain extent of the damaged B-26.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: 69° for 300 miles to northern tip of Island of Vulcano, after rendezvous at this base at 4,000' with escort climbing gradually to 8,500'; 71° T for 54 miles to I.P., the town Troia; bomb run, 71° for 18 miles at 8,500'; breakaway left.

From Target: Curve left, 80° T, curve left to Stromboli Island; 245° T for 320 miles dropping to 3,000' at this base.

Bombs: 160 x 1000 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuses, carried by 40 B-26's.

16 x 1000 lb demolition bombs returned to this base by the four B-26's that returned early.

144 x 1000 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

Chronology: Time off between 11:20 and 11:41; rendezvous and on-course, 12:00; target, 13:50; 32 B-26's down at this base between 15:45 and 16:00; 1 B-26 down at this base at 16:15; 2 B-26's down at this base at 16:47 to 16:49 after landing at Palermo.

Results: Bombs were dropped in an excellent pattern on and near the north-east end of the target railroad bridge. Some bombs landed over on the railroad track to the northeast. The flight flying on the right wing scored direct hits on the highway bridge upstream from the target, and on the highway to the southwest of the highway bridge.

Flak: Slight heavy and moderate light flak, at first inaccurate, but increasing in accuracy toward the rear of the formation, was encountered over the target area.

One crew reported 12/15 light AA guns on the coast in the vicinity of Pizzo.

Two or three crews reported heavy flak from one or more of 3 ships in the harbor at Pizzo.

Enemy Aircraft: None encountered. One aircraft, similar to our liaison planes in appearance, was seen on a sandy strip of beach at Cape Vatacino, at 13:45 from 8,500'.

Observations: (1) 200' M/V in the harbor at Lampari Island, sighted at 13:31 from 8,200'.

(2) A S/F just off Cape Vatacino heading south at high speed, was observed at 13:45 from 8,500'.

(3) Landing barge headed east at high speed, at 38° 10' N, 14° 02' E, sighted at 13:09 from 8,200'.

(4) 3 medium M/V's anchored just off shore in the harbor just south of the town of Pizzo, were sighted at 13:48 from 8,500'.

(5) 40/50 railroad cars, about half of which were tankers, were seen on the south railroad track just east of the target railroad bridge, at 13:50 from 8,500'.

Our Losses: One B-26 destroyed in a crash landing at Palermo after severe damage to the landing gear by flak over the target.

There were no casualties among the crew members.

Weather: Enroute, 1/10 scattered cumulus at 4,000'; target, CAVU; complete overcast inshore north-east of the target; return as enroute.

Comments: None.

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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 (Angitola River Railroad Bridge, Italy), of this Group, this date.

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----- "A" -----			
<u>DEUTMAN</u> 298	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>CHURCH</u> 088	
<u>LIMBERG</u> 958	<u>MURLEY</u> 283	<u>BAIRD</u> 056	
----- "B" -----			
<u>LADD</u> 048	<u>ROSS</u> 999	<u>HOLMES</u> 017	
<u>KENNEDY</u> 100	<u>KARLOWITZ</u> 984	<u>HARGREAVES</u> 208	
----- "C" -----			
<u>WALKER</u> 070	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 176	<u>RILEY</u> 595	
<u>STELL</u> 030	<u>HERRAS</u> 051	<u>WEGNER</u> 001	
----- "D" -----			
<u>KISLER</u> 882	<u>BARRETT</u> 920	<u>PETERSON</u> 147	
<u>MEYER</u> 927	<u>UNGER</u> 861	<u>HALLOWELL</u> 853	
----- "E" -----			
<u>BURNS</u> 933	<u>HARRIS</u> 025	<u>SUND</u> 890	
<u>BUTLER</u> 798	<u>GRAVES</u> 157	<u>LONG</u> 010	
----- "F" -----			
<u>BURNS</u> 027	<u>ROBERTS</u> 894	<u>TURCH</u> 842	
<u>SMIGANT</u> 851	<u>HOOPER</u> 922	<u>BRACHLE</u> 023	
----- SPARES -----			
<u>CANTER</u> 307	<u>SPENCER</u> 064	<u>DOBNEY</u> 167	<u>COALTER</u> 061

ORDER OF LINES

RUNWAY NO. 1

RUNWAY NO. 2

MEYER	186	CANTER 307	CHURCH	088
DEUTMAN	298		MURLEY	283
BAIRD	056		LIMBERG	958
ROSS	999		HOLMES	017
LADD	048		KARLOWITZ	984
HARGREAVES	208		KENNEDY	100
MONTSINGER	176		RILEY	595
WALKER	070		HERRAS	051
WEGNER	001		STELL	030
BARRETT	920		PETERSON	147
KISLER	882		UNGER	861
HALLOWELL	853		MEYER	927
HARRIS	025		SUND	890
BURNS	933		GRAVES	157
LONG	010		BUTLER	798

COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON RR BRIDGE, ANGITOLA, 7 Aug. 1943.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Meyer, Pilot, Captain	442nd	186	B
Ingalls, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt.			
Moran, Navigator, Lt.			
DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
<i>Request in Place of Moran: Captain's Navigator</i>			
Church, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	088	B
Dryer, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Hermann, Nav-Bomb., Lt.			
Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Swartz, <del>Radio</del> Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Deutman, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	298	B
Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.			
Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Burns, R. W., Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Morley, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	283	B
Chandler, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Hammison, Bombardier, Lt.			
Evans, Navigator, Lt.			
Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Baird, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	056	B
Byram, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Walker, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.			
Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Limberg, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	958	B
James, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Andrewson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt.			
Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
Ross, Pilot, Lt.	442nd	999	C
Defan, Co-Pilot, Lt.			
Thrankhardt, Nav-Bomb., Lt.			
Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt.			
Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
<i>Moran Navigator</i>			

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Holmes, Pilot, Lt. Burrows, Co-Pilot, Lt. Beatty, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	B Took-off:1123 Landed at:
Ladd, Pilot, Lt. Tiemann, Co-Pilot, Lt. Monroe, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	048	B Took-off:1123 Landed at:
Speegle, Pilot, Lt. Probasco, Co-Pilot, Lt. Goldberg, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Glockner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	044	C Took-off:1139 Landed at:1342
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain LaMoe, Co-Pilot, Lt. Allen, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Fishman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cain, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	984	B Took-off:1123:30 Landed at:  Maj. Parsons flew as observer.
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Levine, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Wilson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100	B Took-off:1124:30 Landed at:  Lt. Gemmill flew as photographer.
Hammond, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Church, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Camp, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Sullivan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cramer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, <del>Aviation</del> Pfc.	441st	208	B Took-off:1124 Landed at:
Montsinger, Pilot, Lt. Lt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Tapp, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Tackman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	176	C Took-off:1125 Landed at:
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Hayward, Co-Pilot, Lt. Scott, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	070	C Took-off:1126 Landed at:

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Riley, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Blake, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Brosi, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Foss, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Berdaus, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martz, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	595 Took-off: 1125:30 Landed at:	c
Horras, Pilot, Captain Condit, Co-Pilot, F/O. Ascienzo, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	051 Took-off: 1126:30 Landed at:  Capt. Macia flew as Observer.	c
Stell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Steinberg, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Fisher, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030 Took-off: 1127:30 Landed at:	c
Wegener, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Dillon, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blair, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	001 Took-off: 1127 Landed at:  S/Sgt. Draper, flew as photographer.	B
Dobney, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Heinberg, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Corson, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Trotter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wolf, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hancock, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	167 Took-off: 1138 Landed at:	c
Barrett, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Weir, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Shyrock, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Crass, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	920 Took-off: 1128 Landed at:  Maj. Gladden flew as Observer.	c
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ball, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Meadows, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	882 Took-off: 1129 Landed at:	c
Peterson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Morocco, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	147 Took-off: 1128:30 Landed at:  Capt. McCrory flew as Observer.	c

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Urner, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861 Took-off:1129:30 Landed at:	B
Meyer, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. English, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ferrara, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Spl.	444th	045 Took-off:1139:30 Landed at:1348	B
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Banicki, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Etzal, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853 Took-off:1130 Landed at:	B
Harris, Pilot, Captain Edwards, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Vaughn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Alstat, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	025 Took-off:1131:30 Landed at:	C
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Meyer, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.	444th	933 Took-off:1133 Landed at:	C
Sund, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Jackson, Co-Pilot, F/O. Meyer, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wadsek, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt.	444th	890 Took-off:1132 Landed at:	C
Coulter, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Conley, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blossman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Peterson, Bombardier, Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	061 Took-off:1138:30 Landed at:	B
Graves, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Yeager, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Swindler, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Clarke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	157 Took-off:1133:30 Landed at:	C



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Butler, Pilot, F/O. Landrum, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Quine, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Gniadek, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	Took-off: 1134 Landed at: <i>B</i>
Long, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Hale, Co-Pilot, <del>2nd</del> F/O. Salterelli, Nav-Bomb., Pvt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Bugamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Aramo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	010	Took-off: 1134:30 Landed at: <i>B</i>
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Butler, Bombardier, Captain O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	601	Took-off: 1135:30 Landed at: <i>B</i>
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Calhoun, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Mowry, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	Took-off: 1135 Landed at: 1338 <i>B</i>
Tresch, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Sheard, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Martin, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	842	Took-off: 1136 Landed at: <i>B</i>
Brewer, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Pearce, Co-Pilot, F/O. Chambers, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	922	Took-off: 1136:30 Landed at: <i>C</i> Capt. Marble flew as Observer.
Swigart, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Dufour, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Stone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	851	Took-off: 1137 Landed at: <i>B</i> S/Sgt. Speer flew as photographer.

NAMES OF CREWS

Bracken, Pilot, 1st. Lt.  
 Nolan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.  
 Tidwell, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt.  
 Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.  
 Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.  
 Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

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Took-off: 1137:30

Landed at:

Carter, Pilot, Captain  
 Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt.  
 Pace, Nav-Bomb, 2nd. Lt.  
 Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.  
 Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.  
 Britton, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

443rd

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B

Took-off: 1141

Landed at: 1345