

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 59. Day Operation, 8 August 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 14th Fighter Group. Four B-26's returned early, 1 because of loss of power in one engine, 1 because of propeller surge, 1 because of fuel pump malfunctioning and 1 was a spare. Thirty-six B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: 69° T to rendezvous with escort at Zembra Island at 4,000', 300 miles from base to north tip of Vulcano Island; 71° T for 50 miles to Cape Vaticano climbing gradually to 10,000'; curve left to I.P., town of Tropea; bomb run, 81° T for 12 miles, 210° T for 12 miles at 9,500'; direct course from target to Stromboli; 24.5° T for 320 miles to base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 240 x 500 lb demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuses, carried by 40 B-26's.

24 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in 4 B-26's that returned early.

192 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area.

24 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base by 4 B-26's that failed to drop over the target. Two failed to drop because of defective release mechanisms, and two because their element leader failed to drop.

Chronology: Time off between 11:40 and 12:00; on course, 12:20; rendezvous, 12:35; target, 14:05 and 14:11; down at this base between 16:12 and 16:26.

Results: Two and one-half flights dropped on the first bomb run, despite 8/10 cloud. These bombs fell wide of the target. The formation made a second bomb run at an axis of 210° T and the remainder of the flights bombs were dropped. These bombs landed short of the northeast end of the bridge and walked in a good pattern through it.

Flak: None encountered.

Enemy Aircraft: None encountered.

- (1) 4 ME 109's were sighted flying above and northeast of the formation from the turn just prior to the second bomb run, at 14:08 from 9,500'.
- (2) At 14:00 hrs., from 10,000' 7/8 S/E E/E flying at 10,000' over the Gulf of Gioia. These A/C were too far away for identification.
- (3) One 2 engined aircraft with twin tails, was sighted parked on the beach between Pizzo and Britico at 14:04 from 10,000'.

Observations: (1) Two strings of railroad cars were sighted north of the target bridge at 14:09 from 9,500'. One string consisted of 15/20 freight cars on a siding and the other of passenger coaches on the main line.

(2) 40/50 railroad cars at yards at Pizzo, were seen at 14:09 from 9,500'.

(3) At the marshalling yards at Lamezia, all spurs were loaded with cars; sighted at 14:08 from 10,000'.

(4) 15 ships, 11 small and 4 medium, were observed in the harbor below Pizzo at 14:04 from 10,000'. 2 of the smaller were identified as S/P's.

- (5) 2 medium M/V's at the mole at the norther tip of Vulcano Island were reported to have been seen at 13:55 from 10,000'.
- (6) 20 small boats, 10 of which were F boats, anchored off-shore and one medium M/V headed 260° at a slow speed, at Marina in Gulf of Gioia, were sighted at 13:59 from 10,000'.
- (7) One small freighter was sighted on the west side of Lampedusa Island at 14:45 from 8,000'.
- (8) 4 large and 4/5 small boats were seen on the east side of Cape Milazzo at 13:30 from 10,000'.
- (9) South of Pizzo, large piles of supplies in yellow boxes were observed in neat rows between the beach and the railroad. 15/20 small vessels about the size of and resembling fishing craft, were pulled up on the beach nearby. Two medium M/V's were in the harbor at Pizzo. Sightings at 14:00 from 10,000'.
- (10) Two fires were seen on each side of the Ginigliano Valley, Italy at 14:08 from 10,000'.

Our Losses: None

Weather: Enroute, 2-3/10 scattered cumulous at 4,000'; target, 8/10 cumulous at 8,000'.

Comments: No traffic was observed on the highways in Italy.

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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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2. The cameras in ships number's 010, 912, 853 did not take any pictures.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Groups S-2 Officer.

MISSION NO. 73 FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN SIMS
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR GLADDEN

8 August 1943

"A"			
<u>SPEEGLE</u> 179	<u>MEYER</u> 186	<u>HEIMROTH</u> 596	
<u>CARRAHER</u> 056	<u>MORLEY</u> 044	<u>DOXSEE</u> 035	

"B"			
<u>LOVECE</u> 958	<u>ROSS</u> 298	<u>MILLER</u> 088	
<u>CROTTY</u> 776	<u>MILLER</u> 984	<u>TIMMONS</u> 100	

"C"			
<u>KOONTZ</u> 030	<u>MONTINGER</u> 176	<u>ROBINS</u> 912	
<u>BLAKE</u> 595	<u>OWEN</u> 051	<u>HAYWARD</u> 070	

"D"			
<u>SUND</u> 890	<u>BARRETT</u> 025	<u>WEINBERG</u> 147	
<u>BULLARD</u> 853	<u>GOODSON</u> 920	<u>TOWNS</u> 013	

"E"			
<u>PERRY</u> 065	<u>HARRIS</u> 904	<u>MEYER</u> 959	
<u>BIGELOW</u> 023	<u>CARTER</u> 157	<u>WILBUR</u> 851	

"F"			
<u>FEAGIN</u> 798	<u>ROBERTS</u> 601	<u>BARBER</u> 228	
<u>TUCK</u> 010	<u>BREWER</u> 190	<u>BURNS</u> 842	

<u>FAIR</u> 045	<u>CHURCH</u> 077	<u>WEGENER</u> 980	<u>GRAVES</u> 894

RADIO: CHANNEL "A"

CALL SIGNS: BOMBER CALL: "WELL DONE"
FIGHTER CALL: "ROAST BAMB"

August 8

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CREWS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON THE RAILROAD BRIDGE IN ITALY (Same as Yesterday)

NAMES OF THE CREW	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Meyer, Pilot, Captain, Ingalls, Co, Pilot, Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/sgt. Captain Rogers Navigator, Dewitte, Engineer gunner, S/sgt Arsenault, Radio gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd <i>Capt Sims F C</i>	186 took off 1140 Landed 1612
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt. Smith, Co, Pilot, lt. Miller, Bombardier, Lt. Mitchell, Engineer, Gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	596 Took off 1140 Landed at. 1612
Speegle, Pilot, Lt. Prabasco, Co, Pilot, lt. Goldberg, Bombardier, lt. Peck, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Glockner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	179 Took off 1141 Landed at 1613
Morley, Pilot, lt. Chandler, Co, Pilot, lt. Harrison, Bombardier, Lt. Moran, Navigator, lt. Caldwell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martin, Aerial gunner, T/sgt. Friday, Captain, Observer	442nd	044 Took off 1141 Landed 1613+
Doxsee, Pilot, lt. HIMMELREICH, Co, Pilot, lt. Amundson, Bombardier, Lt. Laster, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Burns, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	442nd	035 took off 1142 Landed 1613+
Carraher, Pilot, lt. Freeman, Co, Pilot, Ciesielski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Schans, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Johnson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	442nd <i>Capt Malsburg 1947</i>	056 Took off 1142 Landed at 1614
Ross, Pilot, lt. Defan, Co, Pilot, lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Williams, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Buchanon, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	442nd	983 Took off 1143 Landed 1615+

NAMES OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Miller, Pilot, Lt. Bougher, Co, Pilot, F/O Payton, Bombardier, Lt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. EDEN, Aerial gunner S/sgt.	442nd	298 B Took off 1143½ Landed 1614+
Lovece, Pilot, lt. Was Baucum, Co, Pilot, lt. Evans, Bombardier, Lt. Branning, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Brown, Aerial gunner, Brown,	442nd	958 K Took off 1144 Landed at 1615
Miller, Pilot, Captain, Kennedy, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lehman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Dahl, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Watkins, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st <i>My gunner</i>	984 Took off 1144½ Landed 1615+
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rickless Navigator, 1st Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Curlee, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	100 Took off 1145 Landed 1616
Crotty, Pilot 1st Lt. McGlannon, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Blackford, Bombardier, Cpl. Gignac, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mulligan, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	776 Took off 1145½ Landed at 1616
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. TACKMAN, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st <i>Col young</i>	176 Took off 1146 Landed at 1617
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Lankford, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Lyons, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Pfc. Beckstead, Aerial gunner, Pfc.	441st	912 Took off 1146½ Landed 1617+
Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Vandergrift, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Eastborn, Bombardier, T/sgt. Dorey, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Christianson, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	O 441st	036 B Took off 1147 Landed at 1617

NAMES OF THE CREWS	(3) SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt. Paulantis, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Thatcher, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Mazzo, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	051 Took off 1147½ Landed 1618+
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Gitman, Co, Pilot, F/O McFarland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Boals, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	070 Took off 1148 Landed 1618
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. Riley, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brosi, Bombardier, S/sgt. Foss, Engineer gunner, Pfc. Berdays, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Martz, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	441st	595 Took off 1148½ Landed at 1618+
Barrett, Pilot, 1st Lt. Weir, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Dittmar, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Bombardier, Weil, Engineer gunner, T/sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Grass, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Shyrock, Navigator, 1st Lt. Gladden, Major, M f c.	444th	025 Took off 1149 Landed 1619
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Robinson, Navigator Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Long, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	147 Took off 1149½ Landed 1619+
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co, Pilot, F/O Meyers, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Cook, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Wadzec, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Bush, Bombardier, S/sgt.	444th	890 Took off 1150 Landed 1619+
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/sgt. Porter, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Hansen, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Kerwood, Lt. Col, Observer.	444th	920 Took off 1150½ Landed at 1203

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NAMES OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
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.	444	013 ^B Took off 1151 Landed 1621
Bullard, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bryden, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Babel, Bombardier, S/sgt. Bowen, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Devaul, radio Gunner, T/sgt. McGuire, Aerial gunner, S/sg.	444th	853 Took off 1151½ Landed 1621+
Harris, Pilot, Captain, Edwards, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Alstat, Engineer gunner, S/sgt Brown, Bombardier , 2nd Lt. Vaughn, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Patton, Radio Operator, Sgt.	444th Bombardier	904 ^C Took off 1152 Landed at. 1621
Fair, Pilot, 1st Lt. Stewart, Co, Pilot, lt. Chouniard, Bombardier, Babler, Engineer gunner, Mikles, Radio gunner, T/sgt. Haney, Aerial gunner, Sg/t	444	045 ^B Took off 1152½ Landed 1623
Ferry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co, Pilot, FO Moore, Bombardier Capt. Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Tucker, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	444th	061 ^B Took off 1153 Landed at. 1623
English, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meyer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Capt. Ferrara Bombardier, S/sgt. Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Harrison, Aerial gunner, Cpl.	444th	882 ^C Took off 1153½ Landed 1632+
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Gilbert, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt. Britton, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd <i>Original engine</i>	157 ^C Took off 1154 Landed at 1245

NAME OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Kimbard, Bombardier, Sgt. Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd <i>fuel pressure</i>	851 ^B Took off 1154 Landed 1249
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt. Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Leffler, Bombardier, Sgt. Watt, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	023 ^B Took off 1154½ Landed 1624
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Butler, Captain, Bombardier, O'Keefe, Captain, Navigator, Ramirez, Engineer, Gunner, .sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd <i>St Cal. Sugar</i>	601 ^C Took off 1155 Landed 1624+
Barber, 1st Lt. Pilot, Rucker, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Boswell, Bombardier, lt. Hanson, Engineer gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	328 ^B Took off 1155½ Landed 1624+
Feagin, Pilot, F/sO Space, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Clark, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Noakes, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Gamble, Aerial gunner, S/sgt/	443rd	798 ^B Took off 1156 Landed 1624+
Brewer, Pilot, 1st lt. Pearce, Radio co, pilot, F/O Chambers, Bombardier, S/sgt. Bolton, Sgt. Engineer gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	443rd	190 ^C Took off 1156½ Landed 1625
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Calhoun, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Mowry, Bombardier, S/sgt. Caputo, Engineer gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Shepherd, Aerial gunner, Sgt. Pogue, Aerial photographer, S/sgt.	443rd	842 ^B Took off 1157 Landed 1625+
Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt. Schinkel, Engineer gunner S/sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. McGaha, Aerial gunner, S/sg.	443	010 ^B Took off 1157½ landed 1626

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NAMES OF THE CREWS.

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PLANE NO.

Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Yeager, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
Swindler, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Pierce, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Miles, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Clarke, Aerial gunner, Sgt.

443rd

895 ^C
Took off 1158
Landed 1409

Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt.
Dillon, Co, Pilot,
Blair, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgt.
Archer, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.
Wurst, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

441st

980m ^B
Took off 1158½
Landed 1623

Church, Pilot, lt.
Dryer, Co, Pilot, lt
Herman, Bombardier, lt.
Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.
Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.
Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

442nd

077 ^B
took off 1159
Landed 1620