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HEADQUARTERS, 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 60, Day Operation 12 August 1943.

Twenty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Crazzanise L/G, Italy. They were escorted by 48 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. Three B-26's returned early, one because of engine failure, one because of generator trouble and one because of interphone malfunctioning. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base after successfully bombing the target. Four ME-109's were destroyed and two ME-109's were probably destroyed in an air battle just after leaving the target.

Routes and Altitudes: To targets 37° T for 33 miles to rendezvous with 17th Bombardment Group and escort at Cape Sidi Ali el Meldi at 4000; 30° $30'$ T for 300 miles to Zannone Island; 84° T for 45 miles to IP, the coast west of Castel Voltur climbing gradually to 10000; bomb run 84° T for 10 miles at 9500; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left to coast northwest of Mondragone for 18 miles; 215° for 367 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000'.

Bombs: 2922 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs carried by 26 B-26's.
360 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs returned to this base in planes that returned early.
2454 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs were dropped over the target area.
108 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs returned to this base by 1 B-26 that failed to drop because of release mechanism failure.

Chronology: Time off between 1031 and 1044; on course 1100; rendezvous 1110; target 1257; down at this base between 1450 and 1509.

Results: Bombs of one squadron started in a field south of the L/G and carried across the southeast corner of the L/G in a good pattern, destroying all A/C parked there. Other bombs started short of the L/G and carried along the north side in a good pattern. Bombs of one flight landed over, and destroyed an ammunition hut among approximately 100 huts dispersed to the east of the L/G.

Flak: Slight, inaccurate, heavy flak was encountered on the breakaway from the target. 4 bursts of inaccurate heavy flak were fired at the formation from Zannone Island after leaving the target.

A gun position was reported firing at $41^{\circ}03'$ N, $14^{\circ}05'$ E.

Enemy aircraft: 1) 15/20 ME-109's attacked the formation on the breakaway from the target. Most of these E/A were painted light bluish-gray, with white bands around fuselages just behind the cockpits. Two of these E/A were reported to be painted black.

2) 3 S/E E/A were seen taking off from Capua A/D. 3 twin-engine and 30 light colored S/E A/C were parked on this A/D. Sightings at 1258 from 9000.

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3) 15 S/P were seen at Lago di Patri at 1255 from 9900.
4) Two crews reported that a tan colored P-38 followed the formation from land for 40 miles to sea on the return trip, staying well below and making no passes. At this point the A/C reversed its course toward the coast of Italy.

5) On the return, 5 miles from the Italian coast an ME-109 was reported flying ahead and above the formation. At the same time several white puffs with red flashes in the center were seen slightly above and ahead of the formation. Aerial bombing is suggested. No damage resulted from this action. This was seen at 1303 from 8500.

6) 1 large transport A/C on the deck headed north just off the coast at the mouth of the Volturno River was seen at 1254 from 10000.

7) One of the ME-109's that made a pass at the formation was seen to be attacked at 1302 from 8500 by 3 P-38's. He was last seen in a spin falling toward water, followed by the P-38's, all firing.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: E/A attacked from below at 5 and 10 o'clock, coming in singly. After firing, E/A rolled over and dived away from our fire. They appeared to attempt to avoid our gunfire by staying generally below the range of our turret, tail, and nose guns. They appeared unable to press home successful attacks with these tactics.

Observations: 1) Three medium M/V in the harbor at Ponza Island were seen at 1253 from 10000.

2) Marshalling yards with about a dozen parallel tracks south of L'aterno were seen to be loaded with parked freight cars at 1258 from 9400.

3) Approximately 150 freight cars on the siding at Aversa were observed at 1257 from 9500.

4) A convoy of 15/20 trucks were seen along the coast west of the target at 1255 from 9900.

5) 10 fishing craft were sighted just off shore at Minturno at 1254 from 9900.

6) 6 fishing craft were seen just north of the mouth of Vulturno River at 1255 from 9900.

7) 1 medium and two small M/V were seen just off shore between Mondragone and Cape Volturno at 1255 from 9900.

8) 1 medium M/V was seen one mile off the coast opposite the Vulturno River mouth, heading west at slow speed. Observation at 1302 from 8500.

9) What is thought to be an ammunition dump consisting of 73 small and approximately 30 large huts, well dispersed, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the target, was sighted at 1258 from 9400.

Our Losses: None. 3 B-26's slightly damaged by E/A fire..

Victories: 4 ME-109's destroyed; 2 ME-109's probably destroyed.

Weather: En route 6/10 scattered cumulus at 4000; target CAVU, return as en route.

Comments: None.

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12 August, 1943.

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 (Crazzanine L/G Italy), of this Group, this date.

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	T	T
100	T	
K-17-(T)		T
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	T	T
	T	842
	T	(T)-K-20
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	056	T
K-17-(T)		T
	T	958
		(T)-K-20

2. The cameras in ships number's 842, 958 did not take any pictures.

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

FLYING COMMANDER - Capt. BERCHER
Deputy Flight Commander - Maj. Parsons

"A"

<u>WALKER</u> 070	<u>MONTSINGER</u> 176	<u>CHURCH</u> 030
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<u>KENNEDY</u> 100	<u>HORRAS</u> 051	<u>DOBNEY</u> 167
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"B"

<u>KISLER</u> 853	<u>DIETER</u> 025	<u>URNER</u> 147
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<u>WORTHINGTON</u> 861	<u>GOODSON</u> 292	<u>PETERSON</u> 933
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"C"

<u>SWIGART</u> 507	<u>SWALL</u> 144	<u>TRESCH</u> 842
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<u>BAKER</u> 023	<u>BARBER</u> 900	<u>CALHOUN</u> 851
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"D"

<u>BAIRD</u> 056	<u>LO VECE</u> 999	<u>DEUTMAN</u> 298
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<u>MILLER</u> 017	<u>DOXSEE</u> 035	<u>LIMBERG</u> 958
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SPARES

<u>RILEY</u> 595	<u>BURNS</u> 013	<u>TUCK</u> 156	<u>LADD</u> 998 048
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RADIO - CALL SIGNS

BOMBER -

FIGHTER -

CHANNEL

ORDER OF LINE UP

RUNWAY #1

RUNWAY #2

MONTSINGER	176	LADD	048	church	030
WALKER	070			HORRAS	051
DOBNEY	167			KENNEDY	100
DIETER	025			URNER	147
KISLER	853			GOODSON	292
PETERSON	933			WORTHINGTON	861
SWALL	144			TRESCH	842
SWIGART	307			BARBER	900
CALHOUN	851			BAKER	025
LO VECE	999			DEUTMAN	298
BAIRD	056			DOXSEE	035
LIMBERG	958			MILLER	017
RILEY	595			BURNS	013
				TUCK	156

COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON ~~TARGETS~~ GRAZZANISE AIRDROME IN
SOUTHERN ITALY, 12 JULY 1943:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain Tackman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	176 Took-off: 1031 Landed at: 1501 Capt. Belcher flew as Flight Commander.
Church, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Hammond, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Camp; Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Gearing, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	030 Took-off: 1031:30 Landed at: 1501:30
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Tomlinson , Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. <i>Donahue</i> Scott, Nav-Bomb., T/Sgt. O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	070 Took-off: 1032 Landed at: 1501:30
Horras, Pilot, Captain Belcher , Co-Pilot, Captain <i>L. Wegener</i> Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Captain Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	051 Took-off: 1032:30 Landed at: 1502 Maj. Parsons flew as Observer Deputy F/c
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: 1033 Landed at: 1509
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Levine , Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. <i>Heyworth</i> Wilson, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Downing, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100 Took-off: 1033:30 Landed at: 1502:30 <i>Det. Quinn flew as photographer.</i>
Riley, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Blake, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Brosi, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Foss, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Berdaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Mattz, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	595 Took-off: 1036:30 Landed at: 1506

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Dieter, Pilot, Captain Nash, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain Stephens, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	025	C Took-off: 1034:30 Landed at: 1505
Explosives very poisonous Classroom			
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	147	C Took-off: 1035 Landed at: 1505:30 Capt. McCrory flew as Observer.
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	853	B Took-off: 1035:30 Landed at: 1505:30
Goodson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Housner, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	292	B Took-off: 1036 Landed at: 1508
Peterson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Morocco, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Kieffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	933	C Took-off: Landed at: <u>FAILED TO TAKE-OFF.</u>
Worthington, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Sullivan, Co-Pilot, F/O. Breeding, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861	B Took-off: 1037 Landed at: 1506:30
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	013	B Took-off: 1043:30 Landed at: 1503:30

NAAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Swall, Pilot, Captain Stroud, Co-Pilot, F/O. Clark, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Mountain, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Lewis, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Williams, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	114 C Took-off: 1037:30 Landed at:
Tresch, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Shepard, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Key, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Martin, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Powell, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	443rd	842 B Took-off: 1038 Landed at: 1507
Swigart, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Dufour, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Stone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Iacervo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	307 B Took-off: 1038:30 Landed at: 1144
Barber, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Rucker, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Boswell, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	900 C Took-off: 1039 Landed at: 1503:30
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st. Lt.	443rd <u>FAILED TO TAKE OFF.</u>	851 B
Baker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Wilbur, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Kimbrow, Nav-Bomb., Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hart, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023 B Took-off: 1040 Landed at: 1504:30
Tuck, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Brown, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Keridis, Nav-Bomb., 1st. Lt. Schinkel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. McGaha, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	157 C Took-off: 1041 Landed at: 1504
Lovece, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Bancum, Co-Pilot, Lt. Evans, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	999 C Took-off: 1039:30 Landed at: 1453:30 Capt. Friday flew as Observer.

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Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, P.W., Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298	B Took-off: 1041 Landed at: 1750 Lt. Cook flew as Observer.
Beird, Pilot, Lt. Byram, Co-Pilot, Lt. Walker, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	056	B Took-off: 1040:30 Landed at: 1453 Cpl. Bushong flew as photographer.
Doxsee, Pilot, Lt. Himmelreich, Co-Pilot, Lt. Arundson, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Captain Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, P. L., Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	C Took-off: 1042 Landed at: 1508
Lirberg, Pilot, Lt. James, Co-Pilot, Lt. Andrewson, Nav-Bomb., S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	958	B Took-off: 1041:30 Landed at: 1506:30 Lt. Polk flew as Observer.
Miller, Pilot, Lt. Bougher, Co-Pilot, F/O. Payton, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	B Took-off: 1043 Landed at: 1508:30
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: 1042:30 Landed at: 11130