

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 62. Day Operation, 15 August 1943.

Twenty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Sapri Railroad yards, Italy. They were escorted by 36 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. Four B-26's returned early, 3 were spares, 1 because of hydraulic leak. The target was bombed successfully. 24 B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To Target: 68° T for 56 miles to rendezvous at 4,000' with escort at Zembra Island; 50° T for 314 miles to Cape Palinuro; curve left 9 miles to I.P.; Infreshi Point, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 62° T for 12 miles at 9,500'; breakaway right.

From Target: Curve right for 15 miles to the coast south of the target; 235° 30' T for 386 miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 168 x 500 lb demolition bombs 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 28 B-26's.

142 x 500 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

2 x 500 lb demolition bombs returned to this base having hung up over

target.

Chronology: Time off between 10:38 and 10:52; on course, 11:10; rendezvous, 11:25; target, 13:05; down at this base between 15:07 and 15:16.

Results: The bombs covered the target in an excellent pattern. Many of the 245 cars in the marshalling yards and the station and other buildings along the west side are believed to have been destroyed. Two huge oil fires, flames and smoke of which were visible for 10 miles and rose to 5,000', were started.

Bombs of the first squadron landed in the center of the yards, a few carrying beyond the yards.

Bombs of the last flight described a good pattern on the northern half of the yards, covering a large concentration of cars and the "Y".

Some bombs of the third flight landed short among the buildings and roads along the western side of the yards.

Flak: None.

Enemy Aircraft: None.

Observations: The yards at the target were filled with freight and oil cars. They extended from the "Y" in the tunnel entrance to the road crossing at the east end of the yards. They totaled approximately 245. There were no congestion of rail traffic north of Sapri, but at Maratea the 3 sidings were jammed with freight cars. Observations at 13:05 from 9,500'.

(2) A truck convoy of approximately 20/30 vehicles was seen headed northwest on the road running east and west from Sapri to Ravello. The convoy was parked when first sighted at 13:05 from 9,500', but had started moving east when last observed at 13:15 from 8,000'.

Observations (Cont'd): (3) Two medium M/V's were seen anchored in a small cove near Scario at 40° 03' N, 15° 30' E at 13:04 from 10,000'.

Our Losses: None. No planes were damaged.

Weather: Enroute, 4/10 scattered cumulous at 4,000' over the water; target, CAVU with slight haze; heavy overcast in the center of Italian Peninsula east of the target; return, as enroute.

Comments: None.

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Mission No. 76

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 Deputy Flight Commander-Capt. NORRAN

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<u>WILSON</u> 651	<u>CASTLE</u> <u>BRIDGEMAN</u> 144	<u>BRIDGEMAN</u> 023
<u>BAKER</u> 575	<u>ROBERTS</u> <u>BRIDGEMAN</u> 601	<u>CALDWELL</u> 842
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<u>LEIBERG</u> 088	"B" <u>HELMGREN</u> 996	<u>HAYES</u> 064
<u>SPENCER</u> 179	<u>FORBES</u> 035	<u>WORTHMAN</u> 298
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<u>BAKER</u> 946	"C" <u>WATSON</u> 176	<u>BLAKE</u> 776
<u>KENNEDY</u> 191	<u>ORR</u> 167	<u>STILL</u> 980
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<u>GLAZIER</u> 959	"D" <u>BRANT</u> 247	<u>PAUL</u> 025
<u>PHILLY</u> 853	<u>HALLGREN</u> 861	<u>PATRICK</u> 260
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<u>WILSON (B)</u> 976	<u>SPENCER</u>	<u>ORR</u> 060
<u>BAKER</u> 056		<u>WILSON</u> 027
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COMBAT CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON MARSHALLING YARDS, SAPPRI,  
ITALY, 15 AUGUST 1943:

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Face, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.	443rd	144	Took-off: 1038 Landed at: 1507 <i>C</i>
Bigelow, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Turner, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Leffler, Bombardier, Sgt. Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Schempp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023	Took-off: 1038:30 Landed at: 1507 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>
Wilbur, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Coleman, Co-Pilot, F/O. Kimbrow, Bombardier, Sgt. Perkins, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Chalfant, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hgt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	Took-off: 1039 Landed at: 1507 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Goff, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Butler, Bombardier, Captain Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	601	Took-off: 1039:30 Landed at: 1508  Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Deputy Flight Commander.
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Spee, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Thompson, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Guzzio, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	842	Took-off: 1040:30 Landed at: 1508 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>  Cpl. Gad flew as photographer.
Baker, Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Palmer, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Janeke, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Carr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	443rd	575	Took-off: 1041 Landed at: 1509 <i>B</i>
Burns, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Nolan, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Mowry, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	Took-off: 1054 Landed at: 1245 <i>B</i>

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Heimroth, Pilot, Lt. Smith, Co-Pilot, Lt. Miller, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Moran, Navigator, Lt. Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	596	Took-off: 1041:30 Landed at: 1510 <sup>18</sup>
Davis, Pilot, Lt. Young, Co-Pilot, Lt. Abeln, Bombardier, Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	044	Took-off: 1042 Landed at: 1510 <sup>30</sup> <sup>C</sup>
Limberg, Pilot, Lt. James, Co-Pilot, Lt. Andrewson, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Evans, Navigator, Lt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutko, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088	Took-off: 1042:30 Landed at: 1510 <sup>30</sup> <sup>B</sup>
Doxsee, Pilot, Lt. Himmelreich, Co-Pilot, Lt. Amundson, Bombardier, Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, P. L., Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	035	Took-off: 1043 Landed at: 1511 <sup>C</sup>
Deutman, Pilot, Lt. Brast, Co-Pilot, Lt. Furrer, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns R. W., Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298	Took-off: 1043:30 Landed at: 1511 <sup>30</sup> <sup>B</sup>
Speegle, Pilot, Lt. Probasco, Co-Pilot, Lt. Darby, Nav-Bomb., Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	179	Took-off: 1044 Landed at: 1511 <sup>~</sup> <sup>C</sup>
Baird, Pilot, Lt. Byram, Co-Pilot, Lt. Walker, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	056	Took-off: 1051 Landed at: 1515 <sup>30</sup> <sup>B</sup>

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Milton, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st. Lt. <del>KOGG</del> , Tapp, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Tackman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	176	Took-off: 1044:30 Landed at: 1512 <sup>30</sup> <i>C</i>
Blake, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Riley, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Brosi, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Foss, Engineer Gunner, Pfc. Meeker, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Martz, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	776	Took-off: 1045 Landed at: 1512 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>
Walker, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Lankford, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Scott, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	946	Took-off: 1045:30 Landed at: 1513 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>
Owen, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Paulantis, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Fisher, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Devine, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	167	Took-off: 1046 Landed at: 1513 <i>C</i>
Stell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Steinberg, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Eastburn, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Lidicker, Aerial Gunner, Opl.	441st	980	Took-off: 1046:30 Landed at: 1513 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Levine, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. Wilson, Bombardier, Sgt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Minassian, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	191	Took-off: 1047 Landed at: 1513 <sup>30</sup> <i>C</i>  Maj. Parsons flew as Observer.
Horras, Pilot, Captain Belcher, Co-Pilot, Captain Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st. Lt. Delware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Dahl, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	001	Took-off: 1052 Landed at: 1515 <sup>30</sup> <i>B</i>  Capt. Macia flew as Observer.

NAMES OF CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Harris, Pilot, Captain Edwards, Co-Pilot, 1st. Lt. <del>Kerry</del> Brown, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Shyrook, Navigator, 1st. Lt. Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Vaughn, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Patton, Radio Gunner, Sgt.	444th	147 <i>C</i> Took-off: 1047:30 Landed at: 1115  Capt. Booth flew as Observer
Fair, Pilot, Stewart, Co-Pilot, Chouinard, Bombardier, Babler, Engineer Gunner, Hansen, Aerial Gunner, Mikles, Radio Gunner	444th	025 <i>C</i> Took-off: 1048 Landed at: 1514 <i>32</i>  Capt. McCrory flew as Observer.
Coulter, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Conely, Co-Pilot, F/O. Blossman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Peterson, Bombardier, Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	959 <i>B</i> Took-off: 1048:30 Landed at: 1259
Hallowell, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Buckhout, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Banicki, Bombardier, 2nd. Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd. Lt. Lenz, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Etzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bourgault, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	861 <i>B</i> Took-off: 1049 Landed at: 1514  Cgt. Sims flew as Observer.
Peterson, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Lumpkin, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain Morocco, Bombardier, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner T/Sgt. Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260 <i>B</i> Took-off: 1049:30 Landed at: 1516
Perry, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Caffey, Co-Pilot, F/O. Moore, Bombardier, Cpl. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	853 <i>B</i> Took-off: 1050 Landed at: 1515  S/Sgt. Speer flew as photographer.
Urner, Pilot, 1st. Lt. Reeves, Co-Pilot, 2nd. Lt. Miller, Nav-Bomb., 2nd. Lt. Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	978 <i>B</i> Took-off: 1051:30 Landed at: 1301