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

Intelligence Narrative No. 63, Day Operation 17 August 1943.

Thirty-nine B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this afternoon to bomb Battipaglia RR Junction and Yards, Italy. They were escorted by 36 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. Three B-26's returned early, 2 because of engine malfunctioning, and one because of generator trouble. One of the early returns landed at the 39th Bombardment Group field. One B-26 left the formation headed for Sicily on the return trip, and is believed to have landed there. The target was bombed successfully. 35 B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule.

Routes and Altitudes: To target, 20° T for 34 1/2 miles to rendezvous at 4000' at Cape Zebib; 59° T for 197 miles to Licosa Point; 41° T for 9 miles to IP 2 miles east of Agropoli, climbing gradually to 11800; bomb run 353° T for 17 1/2 miles at 11500; breakaway left.

From target, curve left, 226° T for 309 miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3000.

Bombs: 78 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, instantaneous fuse, and
156 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 39 B-26's.
6 x 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs, and
12 x 500-lb. delay demolition bombs carried by 3 B-26's that returned early.
72 x 500-lb. instantaneous demolition bombs, and
142 x 500-lb. delay demolition bombs dropped over the target area.
2 x 500-lb. delay demolition bombs returned to this base, having hung up over the target.

Chronology: Time off between 1423 and 1440; on course 1505; rendezvous and on course 1515; target 1702; down at this base between 1900 and 1920.

Results: The major portion of the bombs landed in a good pattern, almost completely blanketing the railroad yard, in and among the numerous cars parked there. Several bombs fell short in a cultivated field, and some bombs landed over in the town area.

Flak: Very slight heavy inaccurate flak was encountered from the town of Salerno on leaving the coast after the breakaway from the target. 1 burst had a large red center and hung in the air for several seconds.

Heavy gun positions were spotted as follows:

- 1) 4 guns on the west side of Salerno,
- 2) 4-gun position on the coast 1 mile south of Salerno.
- 3) 3-gun position along the railroad tracks at the north edge of Salerno.

Enemy aircraft: None

Observations:

- 1) Agropoli Marshalling Yards were observed to be loaded with rolling stock, at 1657 from 11800

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- 2) Salerno Railroad Yards were also clogged with cars, sighted at 1711 from 11000.
- 3) 3/5 railroad sidings at the first village (not plotted on maps) south of Battipaglia at 40° 30' N, 15° 00' E were loaded with freight cars. Sighted at 1702 from 11500.
- 4) Only 4/5 small craft were seen in Salerno harbor. One small motor boat was seen coming out of Salerno headed south at high speed at 1711 from 11000.
- 5) 2 small boats or barges with blunt bows heading north at slow speed just off the coast opposite the target were seen at 1117 from 11000.
- 6) 1 medium M/V in harbor at Ustica Island was observed at 1615 from 9500.
- 7) Approximately 160 cars, including 25/30 previously burned-out cars were seen at the target at 1702 from 11500.

Our losses: None. One B-26 that left the formation apparently headed for Sicily is unreported, but no trouble was apparent.

Weather: En route 2/10 alto-cumulus at 4000; target CAVU; return 3/10 alto-cumulus at 4000.

Comments: None.

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NATOUA APO 520

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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 (Battipaglia R.R. Junction, Italy), of this Group, this date.

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K-20-(T)		(T)-K-17	

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LIST OF CREWS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON BATTIPAGLIA RAILROAD YARDS
17 August 1943.

LIST OF CREW MEMBERS

	SQUABRON	PLANE NO.	
Meyer, Pilot, Captain	442nd	186	
Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			
Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt.			Took off: 1423
Rogers, Navigator, Captain			Landed at: 1515 - 319th file
DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			Major Gladden flew as Observer
Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
LoVede, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	999	
Baucum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off: 1423 ⁺
Evans, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt.			Landed at: 1909 ⁺
Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	088	
Baker, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off: 1424
Goldberg, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed at: 1910 ⁺
Nardine, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.			
Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			Cpl. Bushong flew as photographer
Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
Morley, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	283	
Chandler, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1424 ⁺
Harrison, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt.			Landed at: 1909
Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			Captain McCrory flew as Deputy
Caldwell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			Flight Commander
Uncles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Martin, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.			
Ladd, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	958	
Tiemann, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.			Took off: 1425 ⁺
Monroe, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed at: 1909 ⁺
Stander, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Hite, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Griffin, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
Church, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	179	
Dryer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1425 ⁺
Hermann, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt.			Landed at: 1909 ⁺
Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Madrid, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Levesque, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	298	
Smith, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.			Took off: 1426
Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			Landed at: 1911 ⁺
Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt.			
Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.			General Webster flew as Observer
Street, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.			
Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.			

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Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Abeln, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	092	Took Off: 1426+ Landed at: 1911+ B
Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt. Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Beatty, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt. Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	Took off: 1427 Landed at: 1912 B
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Condit, Co-pilot, F/O Moore, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176	Took off: 1427+ Landed at: 1912+ C
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Wilson, Bomb-Nav, Sgt. Gearing, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Christianson, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	946	Took off: 1428 Landed at: 1900 B
Vandegrift, Pilot, 1st Lt. Koontz, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Scott, Bomb-Nav, T/Sgt. Dorey, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	060	Took off: 1428+ Landed at: 1912+ B
Dobney, Pilot, 1st Lt. Heimberg, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Corson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Rickless, Navigator, 1st Lt. Trotter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Wolf, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Hancock, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	167	Took off: 1429 Landed at: 1913+ C
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oltman, Co-pilot, F/O Farland, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Pope, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Boals, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	001	Took off: 1429+ Landed at: 1913+ B
Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillon, Co-pilot, F/O Blair, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	912	Took off: 1430 Landed at: 1914 C

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Miller, Pilot, Captain Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Lehman, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Captain Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Watkins, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	984	ⓐ
		Took off: 1930 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1914 ⁺	
Crotty, Pilot, 1st Lt. McGlannon, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Blackford, Bomb-Nav, Cpl. Goodman, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Orr, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	070	Ⓒ
		Took off: 1431 ⁺	
		Landed at: ?	
Hammond, Pilot, 1st Lt. Robins, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Camp, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Formicelli, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Pfc.	441st	776	Ⓑ
		Took off: 1431 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1548	
	S/Sgt. Pogue	flew as	photographer
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Swindler, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt. Pierce, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Clarke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	601	Ⓑ
		Took off: 1548 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1918 ⁺	
	Captain Robert Robert	flew as	Observer
	Captain Arb Arb	" "	" "
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nolan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	010	Ⓑ
		Took off: 1437 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1918 ⁺	
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt. Pearce, Co-pilot, F/O Chambers, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Bolton, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Yost, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Lumberg, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	575	Ⓑ
		Took off: 1437 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1918 ⁺	
	Captain Marble	flew as	Observer
Carter, Pilot, Captain Gilbert, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Face, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Foulked, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	307	Ⓑ
		Take off: 1438 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1919 ⁺	
	Lt. Farberow	flew as	Observer
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Calhoun, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Mowry, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	Ⓑ
		Took off: 1438 ⁺	
		Landed at: 1919 ⁺	

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Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Vaughan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Monaghan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	061 Took off: 1434 Landed at: 1916 ⁺ B
Major, Adams flew as Observer		
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Franzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bush, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	045 Took off: 1434 ⁺ Landed at: 1916 ⁺ B
Booth, Pilot, Captain Green, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Clark, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Klingaman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	260 Took off: 1435 Landed at: 1917 B
Captain Sims flew as Observer		
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Magel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	853 Took off: 1435 ⁺ Landed at: 1918 B
Conoly, Pilot, F/O Sullard, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Peterson, Bomb-Nav, Sgt. Blossman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	959 Took off: 1436 Landed at: 1917 ⁺ B
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Reyes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	927 Took off: 1441 ⁺ Landed at: 1910 C
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rucker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Boswell, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	157 Took off: 1442 Landed at: 1505 C
Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	145 No take off.

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Butler, Pilot, F/O
 Landrum, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Quine, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt.
 Waterman, Engineer Gunner, Cpl.
 Saccardo, ~~Radio~~ Gunner, Sgt.
 Gniadck, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

443rd

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 Took off: 1439
 Landed at: 1920 B

Tuck, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Karidis, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt.
 Schinkel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 McGaha, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Butler, ~~observer~~, Capt

443rd

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 Took off: 1439+ C
 Landed at: 1919
 Capt Butler is observer

Feagin, Pilot, F/O
 Smart, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Grant, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt.
 Noakes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Harpster, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Gamble, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

443rd

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 Took off: 1440+ B
 Landed at: 1919+

T/Sgt. Waltman flew as photographer

Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O
 Dufour, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt.
 Stone, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

443rd

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 Took off: 1440+ B
 Landed at: 1910+

Harris, Pilot, Captain
 Edwards, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
 Skyrock, Navigator, 1st Lt.
 Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.
 Alstat, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Vaughan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Patton, Radio Gunner, Sgt.

444th

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 Took off: 1432+ C
 Landed at: 1915+

Lt. Col. Gregory flew as Deputy Flight Commander

English, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Meyer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Ferrana, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt.
 Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
 Proctor, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Spl.

444th

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 Took off: 1432+ C
 Landed at: 1916

Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Meyer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Ramirez, Bomb-Nav, Sgt.
 Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Petrocki, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.
 Snelbold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.

444th

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 Took off: 1433+ B C
 Landed at: 1915

1st Lt. Barrett flew as Observer

Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Strong, Bomb-Nav, T/Sgt.
 Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Hensen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

444th

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 Took off: 1433+ C
 Landed at: 1916+

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Carragher, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Freeman, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Ciesielski, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt.
 Ely, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Schaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt.
 Gloeckner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

442nd

Took off: 056 1441+
 Landed at: 1910

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