

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

Intelligence Narrative No. 63, Day Operation, 20 August 1943.

Twenty-six B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Caserta Railroad Junction, Italy. They were escorted by 24 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. One B-26 crash landed immediately after takeoff due to engine failure, the crew is safe. One B-26 returned early because of generator failure. On the return from the target, two B-26's left the formation and went to Sicily. One of these returned late. The other crash landed at Sicily; the crew of this aircraft is also safe. Twenty-two B-26's returned on schedule. During a running fight lasting twenty minutes over the target and on the breakaway four ME-109's were destroyed and 1 ME-109 was damaged.

Routes and Altitudes: To target 23° T for 35 miles, after rendezvous with the 17th Bombardment Group at its base, to Cape Zebib, for rendezvous at 4000' with escort; 36° 30' T for 304 miles to Ventoteno Island; 78° T for 35 miles to IP, Lake Patria, climbing gradually to 10500, bomb run 60° T for 18 miles at 10000; breakaway left.

From target - curve left for 40 miles to coast at Castel Volturno; 216° 30' T for 365 miles to this base, dropping to 3000.

Bombs: 52 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose, 45 second delay tail fuse, and
104 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10 nose, 45 second delay tail fuse, carried by 26 B-26's.
2 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose fuse, and
4 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, delay nose fuse, salvoed near this base by the B-26 that crash landed just after the take off.
2 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose, and
4 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, delay nose fuse, returned to this base by the B-26 that returned early.
34 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose, and
66 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, delay nose fuse, dropped over the target area.
4 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose fuse, and
8 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, delay nose fuse, salvoed over enemy territory because of failure to identify the target.
10 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, instantaneous nose fuse, and
20 x 500-lb. demolition bombs, returned this base by 5 B-26's which failed to drop because of failure to identify the target.

Chronology: Time off between 1019 and 1032; on course 1050; rendezvous 1100; target 1245; down at this base between 1435 and 1444.

Results: The bombs missed the target. Some bombs fell short. Other bombs were dropped on Capta Marshalling Yards, causing a terrific explosion.

Flak: Slight inaccurate heavy flak was encountered over the northwest tip of Ischia Island just prior to reaching the IP. 3 bursts of heavy flak were seen on crossing the coast near Nisida.

Moderate to intense heavy flak was seen at 1249 from 9500 over the target after this group and the 17th Bombardment Group had passed over.

Enemy Aircraft: 1) 12 ME-109's, 1 RE-2001, and 1 MA-202 attacked the formation during the bombing run and continued the attack for 20 minutes. The ME-109's were black, dark gray, and one was tan. Some of the ME-109's were reported to have black and yellow checkerboard tails similar to some of our P-40's. Four ME-109's were destroyed and 1 ME-109 was damaged.

2) At Capua A/D, 1 JU-52 taking off, and 10 T/E A/C parked on the field; 20/25 biplanes parked in a straight line on the southeast side of the field, were seen at 1248 from 9500.

3) At Lago di Patri, 7 S/P dispersed and 1 S/P landing were seen at 1241 from 10500.

4) A tan-colored P-38 was seen 3/4000 below and behind the formation on leaving the Italian coast at 1248 from 9000. A/C followed the formation for about 10 minutes and then turned and headed toward the Italian coast. As A/C turned it was seen to jettison something similar to a belly tank.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: The attacks were not aggressive. They were made singly from high and low at all hours of the clock. One ME-109 flew back and forth in front of the formation during the bombing run, keeping just out of range, occasionally threatening to attack but never closing to press home an effective one.

Observations: 1) 20 large and several small boats in Naples harbor, at the docks, were seen at 1241 from 9500.

2) One medium and 1 small M/V headed southeast at 40° 48' N, 14° 18' E were seen at 1225 hours from 9000.

Our losses: 1 B-26 crash landed on take off and was destroyed;

1 B-26 crash landed in Sicily on returning from the target and was also destroyed.

No B-26's were otherwise damaged.

Victories: 4 ME-109's were destroyed; 1 ME-109 was damaged.

Weather: En route 1/10 scattered cumulus at 3000; target CAVU, return as en route.

Comments: Photographs brought back did not appear to provide sufficient information as to bombing results to justify printing.

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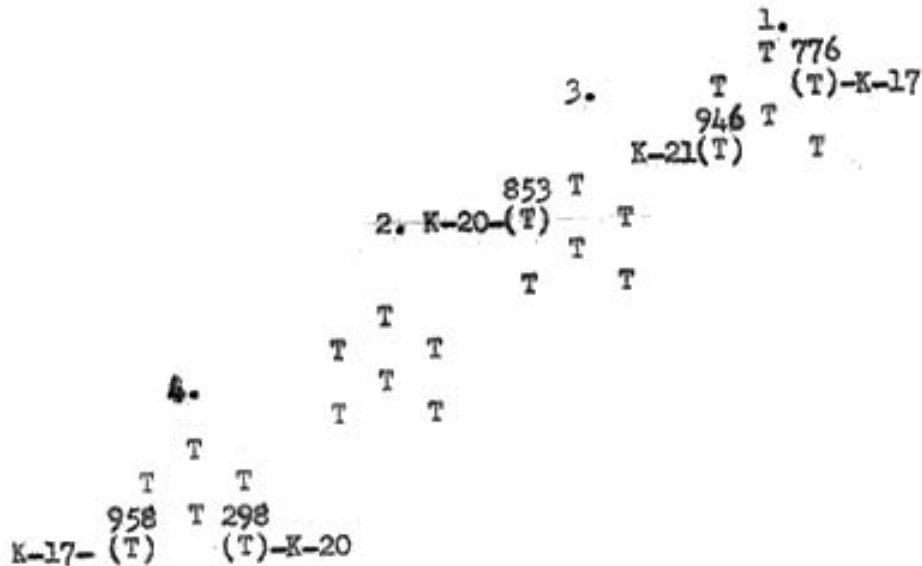
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SUBJECT: Photos.

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



2. The cameras in ship numbers 776, 853, 946 and 958 did not take any pictures.

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File

MISSION NO. 78

FLIGHT COMMANDER: CAPTAIN BELOUER

20 AUGUST 1943

DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER: MAJOR PARSONS

STEINBERG
060

"A" *Karlowitz 167*
~~Miller 176~~
Miller 176

ROBINS
776

ORDER OF LINEUP

WALKER
946

~~Miller 176~~

OWEN
911

Karlowitz 167

RUNWAY NO. 1

RUNWAY NO. 2

BAKER
~~668~~
780

"B"
ROBERTS
601

BRACKEN
307

~~Miller 176~~ Davis-Old Robins 776

Steinberg 060 ~~Karlowitz 167~~

Owen 911 Walker 946

Roberts 601 Bracken 307

Baker 780 Barber 144

Calhoun 798 Burns 027

Barrett 147 Burns 013

Kislar 853 Dieter 260

Weinberg 861 Urner 061

Meyer 283 Miller 092

Baird 088 Doxsee 035

Deutman 298 Limberg 958

Stell 100 Long 842

Ferry 045

BURNS
027

BARBER
144

CALHOUN
798

KISLAR
853

"C"
BARRETT
147

BURNS
013

URNER
061

DIETER
260

WEINBERG
861

BAIRD
088

"D"
MEYER
283

MILLER
092

LIMBERG
958

DOXSEE
035

DEUTMAN
298

SPARES

STELL
100

LONG
842

PERRY
045

DAVIS
Old

RADIO

CHANNEL "B"

BOMBER CALL: "ENCORE"

FIGHTER CALL: "BUGGY"

CREW MEMBER LIST PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON CASERTA MARSHALLING YARDS, ITALY,
20 August 1943.

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain	441st	176
Lakos, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1019
Allen, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		Landed at: 1435
Ozuk, Navigator, Captain		
Fishman, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Cain, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander
Robins, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	441st	776
Levine, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1019/30
Wilson, Bomb-Nav, Sgt.		Landed at: 1444
Lyons, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Berrigan, Radio Gunner, Cpl.		
Beckstead, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		
		S/Sgt. Pogue flew as photographer
Steinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	060
Blake, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.		Took off: 1020
Camp, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt.		Landed at: 1445+
Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Cramer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Corp, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		
Miller, Pilot, Captain	441st	167
Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Crashed on Take-off.
Lehman, Bombardier, 1st Lt.		
McGeever, Navigator, 2nd Lt.		
Sullivan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Watkins, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		
		Major Parsons flew as Deputy Flight Commander
Owen, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	911
Paulantis, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off: 1021
Eastburn, Bomb-Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed at: ?
Thatcher, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Devine, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		
Mazzo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
Walker, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	946
Oltman, Co-pilot, F/O		Took off: 1021/30
Scott, Bomb-Nav, T/Sgt.		Landed at: 1435+
O'Keefe, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.		
Largent, Radio Gunner, Sgt.		
Dickinson, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		
		Captain Malsbury flew as Observer
Roberts, Pilot, Captain	443	No take-off.

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Brackner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tidwell, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Butler, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Carr, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	307	B Took off: 1022/30 Landed at: 1439 ⁺
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Henry, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Cousins, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.	443rd	780	B Took off: 1023 Landed at: 1437 ⁺
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rucker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Cpl. Burden, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Boswell, Bomb-Nav, 1st Lt.	443rd	144	C Took off: 1023 ⁺ Landed at: 1438
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Guizzio, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	798	B Took off: 1024 Landed at: 1141 - <i>See trouble</i>
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Caputo, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027	B Took off: 1024/30 Landed at: 1438 ⁺
Barrett, Pilot, 1st Lt. Weir, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain Stevens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Weil, Engineer gunner, T/Sgt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepath, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	147	C Took off: 1025 Landed at: 1440 Captain Sims flew as Observer
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb-Nav, Sgt. Snebald, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	013	B Took off: 1025/30 Landed at: 1440 ⁺
Kisler, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ball, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Meadows, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Rayes, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schweikhart, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hurt, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853	B Took off: 1026 Landed at: 1440 ⁺ Lt. Geisking flew as observer

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Dieter, Pilot, Captain Nash, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collings, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	260	Took off: 1026/30 Landed at: 1440 ⁺ B
Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. Nagel, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Breeding, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Kuhne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, Spl.	444th	861	Took off: 1027 Landed at: 1441 ⁺ B
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Reeves, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Vanghan, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Manahgan, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	061	Took off: 1027/30 Landed at: 1441 ⁺ B Captain Harris flew as observer.
Meyer, Pilot, Captain Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt. Dewitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	283	Took off: 1028 Landed at: 1442 B
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O Payton, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Condon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	092	Took off: 1028/30 Landed at: 1442 ⁺ B
Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Byram, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Walker, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Ely, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Baronet, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	017	Took off: 1029 Landed at: 1442 ⁺ B
Doxsee, Pilot, 1st Lt. Himmelreich, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Captain Amundson, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Laster, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Allen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	025	Took off: 1029/30 Landed at: 1442 ⁺ C Major Gladden flew as observer.
Deutzman, Pilot, 1st Lt. Brast, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Furrer, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Cross, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	298	Took off: 1030 Landed at: 1443 B Godfrey, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.

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Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchairo, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Leguther, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	958 Took off: 1030/30 Landed at: 1443 ⁺	B
		S/Sgt. Draper flew as photographer 1st Lt. Evans flew as observer	
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Fisher, Bomb-Nav, 2nd Lt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, 2nd Lt. Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Barkey, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	100 Took off: 1022 Landed at: 1437	B
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Homsher, Bomb-Nav, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Aramo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	842 Took off: 1032 Landed at: 1435 ⁺	B
Perry, Pilot, 1st Lt. Meyer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Moore, Bomb-Nav, Cpl. Wells, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Hanrahan, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	444th	045 Took off: 1031 Landed at: 1438 ⁺	B
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	No take off.	