

HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)  
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Intelligence Narrative No. 66, Day Operation, 26 August 1943

Twenty-eight B-26's took off this morning to bomb Grazzanise Satellite #1 A/D, Italy. They were accompanied by the 319th and 17th Bombardment Groups, and were escorted by 48 P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 5 B-26's returned early; 2 were spares, 1 because left engine was cutting out, 1 because both turrets were not functioning, and 1 because of low oil pressure. The target was bombed successfully. Twenty-three B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 38° T for 33½ statute miles to rendezvous at 4,000' with escort at Cape Sidi Ali el Mekki; 38° T for 315 statute miles to I.P., 40° 48' N, 13° 47' E climbing gradually to 11,000'; bomb run, 30° T for 22 statute miles at 10,500'; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 18 statute miles to coast; 215° T for 367 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 4,000'.

Bombs: 560 x 100 lb demolition bombs, instantaneous and 25 second delay fuse, carried by 28 B-26's.

100 x 100 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in B-26's that returned early.

435 x 100 lb demolition bombs dropped over target area.

25 x 100 lb demolition bombs returned to this base; 20 x 100 lb demolition bombs in one plane that failed to drop because of rack failure and 5 hung up.

Chronology: Time off between 10:11 and 10:24; on course, 10:50; rendezvous, 11:00; target, 12:45; down at this base between 14:35 and 14:51.

Results: One string of bombs commenced just short of the target and walked to the center of the L/G. Another string of bombs landed in a string over the southwestern corner of the field. Another string fell short of the target.

Fragmentation bombs dropped by other groups landed in good patterns on and among aircraft dispersed on the northern side of the L/G.

Flak: No flak bursts in the air were reported. However, 2 flashes resembling heavy AA fire were seen on the ground on the northwest tip of Ischia Island at 12:35 from 11,000'.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) At Lago di Patri, 6/7 S/P's, pointing in various directions, along eastern side, were seen at 12:35 from 11,000'. It was noted that approximately the same number of S/P's have been reported in the same location and similarly placed; possible dummies are suggested.

(2) 1 ME 109 was seen at 12:47 from 10,000' just to the left of the formation on the breakaway from the target. One gunner fired 2 bursts in direction of E/A. E/A then dived in the direction of a B-26 from 319th Group that flew out of formation and low over the target. After making one pass, E/A peeled off and dived again.

(3) 1 ME 109 was seen to take off from the target field, climb rapidly and make a pass at one of our A/C from the side. E/A then peeled off, emitting black smoke and successfully landed again on target field.

(4) 2 ME 109's were sighted over the target 5,000' below our formation at 12:45 from 10,500'.

(5) 1 S/E A/C was seen taxiing taking off on the runway of the target L/G at 1245 from 10500; it was reportedly hit by one of our bombs.

(6) 1 ME-109 was seen to come up from below a 319th Group B-26 which flew below the formations over the target, apparently made a pass, peeled off and went into a steep dive toward the water; this a/c was neither seen to hit the water or to recover from the dive.

(7) One crew reported 19/20 S/E A/C climbing rapidly 4000' below and 7000' to the right of this formation during the bomb run at 1245 from 10500

(8) 4/5 T/E A/C were seen engaged with P-38's in a dog fight to the rear of our formation as our bombers crossed the coast after breakaway from the target at 1256 from 9000.

(9) 1 ME-109, dark blue in color, climbing steeply, headed southeast along the coast north of Mondragone was seen at 1259 from 8500.

(10) 10/15 S/E A/C on the northwest corner of the target L/G were seen at 1245 from 10500.

(11) 10/15 S/E A/C on the southeast corner of the target L/G, sighted at 1245 from 10500.

Observations: 5 medium M/V were seen in the bay at Pozzioli at 1240 from 11000.

2) 3 small boats or barges just off the mouth of the Volturno River were seen at 1256 from 9000.

3) 3 medium M/V at Goeta, 1 motor boat 2 miles west of Goeta were seen at 1257 from 9000.

4) 1 medium M/V, 2 miles off Minturno, heading south, was sighted at 1301 from 8000.

5) 1 small vessel heading south just off Monte di Procida was seen at 1235 from 11000.

6) 8 large ships in Naples Harbor, too far distant for identification as to type, were seen at 1237 from 11000.

7) 1 large M/V with two funnels, headed east at 41° 10' N, 13° 43' E was observed at 1258 from 9000.

8) 1 B-26 of the 319th Group left the formation, smoking, at the east and went over the target below the other aircraft. Contact observed of this aircraft with E/A are reported above. When last seen at 1302 from 8000, this B-26 was headed south over the water, apparently under control, and covered by at least one P-38.

9) 12/15 railroad cars on a spur at Sessa Aurunca were sighted at 1252 from 9500.

10) 12/15 railroad cars were sighted on the siding at Minturno at 1250 from 9500.

Our losses: None. No B-26's damaged.

Weather: En route 5/10 scattered cumulus at 6000 to 9000; target 1/10 scattered cumulus at 6000; return as en route.

Comments: None.

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MISSION NO. 81

LT. COL. FLETCHER : FLIGHT COMMANDER 26 August 1943  
MAJOR GLADDEN : DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER"A"DAVIS  
859MEYER  
044LIMBERG  
958BAYRAMIAN  
088ROSS  
980CARRAHER  
056"B"STELL  
776MIDLER  
176KENNEDY  
030TIMMONS  
912KIRLEY  
051HOY  
984"C"PETERSON  
853BARRETT  
025WEINBERG  
061SUND  
013DIETER  
820STUMM  
045"D"BUTLER  
780GRAVES  
157LONG  
798SWIGART  
027BARBER  
900CALHOUN  
023S P A R E SBREWER (N)  
011SPEEGLE  
179HAYWARD  
070GOODSON  
904RADIO

CHANNEL "B" ; BOMBER CALL - "BUGGY" ; FIGHTER CALL - "LACENBRK"

ORDER OF LINEUP

## RUNWAY NO. 1

MEYER	044
DAVIS	859
CARRAHER	056
MILLER	176
STELL	776
HOY	984
BARRETT	025
PETERSON	853
STUMM	045
GRAVES	157
BUTLER	780
CALHOUN	023
SPEEGLE	179

## RUNWAY NO. 2

LIMBERG	958
ROSS	980
BAYRAMIAN	088
KENNEDY	030
KIRLEY	051
TIMMONS	912
WEINBERG	061
DIETER	920
SUND	013
LONG	798
BARBER	900
SWIGART	027
HAYWARD	070
GOODSON	904

LIST OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON GRAZZANISE A/D, 26 August 1943

NAME OF CREW MEMBERS	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.
Meyer, Pilot, Captain Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Fargo, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Evans, Navigator, 1st Lt. DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	044 C Took off: 1011 Landed at: 1055
Lt. Col. Fletcher flew as Flight Commander		
Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Andrewson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Legutke, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	958 B Took off: 1011/30 Landed at: 1442
Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Abeln, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Burns, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	859 B Took off: 1012 Landed at: 1442/30
Ross, Pilot, 1st Lt. DeFan, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Gandy, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Buchanan, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.	442nd	983 C Took off: 1012/30 Landed at: 1440/30
Major Gladden flew as Deputy Flight Commander		
Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesielski, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Bly, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Gloekner, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	056 B Took off: 1013 Landed at: 1440/30
Lt. Cook flew as Observer		
Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt. Baker, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Goldberg, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Nardine, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Gilbert, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Stewart, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	442nd	088 B Took off: 1013/30 Landed at: 1448/30
T/Sgt. Waltman flew as Photographer		
Miller, Pilot, Captain Lankford, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. McGeever, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Dahl, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Kurtz, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Derau, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	176 C Took off: 1014 Landed at: 1443
Col. Aiker flew as Observer		

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Kennedy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Levine, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Beldon, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Taylor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Miller, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030	(A)
		Took off: 1014/30 Landed at: 1144	
		Captain Belcher flew as Observer	
Stell, Pilot, 1st Lt. Wills, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Fisher, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Farr, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Marino, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Barker, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	776	(B)
		Took off: 1015 Landed at: 1144/30	
Kirley, Pilot, Captain Penka, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Ascienzo, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Captain Delaware, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Langman, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Stipe, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	051	(C)
		Took off: 1015/30 Landed at: 1301	
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sondit, Co-pilot, F/O Moore, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Jones, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	984	(C)
		Took off: 1016 Landed at: 1309	
Timmons, Pilot, 1st Lt. Valls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Konvalinka, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Rinaldi, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Greenlee, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Curlee, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	912	(C)
		Took off: 1016/30 Landed at: 1435	
Barrett, Pilot, 1st Lt. Weir, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Nerone, Navigator, Captain Stephens, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Kraker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Weil, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Hedgepeth, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	025	(C)
		Took off: 1017 Landed at: 1445/30	
		Captain Sims flew as Observer	
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, Cpl.	444th	061	(B)
		Took off: 1017/30 Landed at: 1445/30	
		Captain McGrory and Col. Stinsey Observers	
Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Lumpkin, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Morocco, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Janise, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Higgen, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Keiffer, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853	(B)
		Took off: 1018 Landed at: 1446	

CREW MEMBER LIST	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Dieter, Pilot, Captain Nash, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Greear, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Collins, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Aul, Aerial Gunner, S/sgt.	444th	890	Took off: 1018/30 Landed at: 1446/30
Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sullivan, Co-pilot, F/O Stenson, Lt. Col. flew as Observer Bush, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Frenzel, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Freidman, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Noe, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	444th	085	Took off: 1019 Landed at: 1446/30
Sund, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jackson, Co-pilot, F/O Meyers, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cook, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Boss, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Crapse, Bomb Nav, Spl.	444th	013	Took off: 1019/30 Landed at: 1447
			Lt. Burton flew as Observer
Graves, Pilot, 1st Lt. Yeager, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Clark, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Rogers, Navigator, Captain Pierce, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Miles, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Clark, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	157	Took off: 1020 Landed at: 1448/30
Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Hale, Co-pilot, F/O Homsher, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Bergamo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Armao, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	798	Took off: 1020/30 Landed at: 1449
Butler, Pilot, F/O Landrum, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Quinn, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Saccardo, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Waterman, Engineer Gunner, Spl. Gniader, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	780	Took off: 1021 Landed at: 1449/30
Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. Rucker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Karidis, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Hanson, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Long, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Dross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	900	Took off: 1021/30 Landed at: 1449/30
Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt. Space, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Thompson, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Martin, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.	443rd	023	Took off: 1022 Landed at: 1450
			Guzzio, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

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Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt. Coleman, Co-pilot, F/O Dufour, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Henry, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt. Lacerva, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. O'Connell, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027 Took off: 1022/30 Landed at: 1451	B
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	904 Took off: 1024/30 Landed at: 1213	C
Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. Oltman, Co-pilot, F/O McFarland, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Appleton, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Boals, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	078 Took off: 1023/30 Landed at: 1444/30	C
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	041 Took off: 1024 Landed at: 1441	B
Speegle, Pilot, 1st Lt. Probasco, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Darby, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Peck, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Harper, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Galindo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	179 Took off: 1023 Landed at: 1230	C