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Intelligence Narrative No. 67. Day Operation 28 August, 1943

Twenty-seven B-26's took off this afternoon to bomb M/I north-east of Aversa, Italy. They were accompanied by the 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups, and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st Fighter Group. 3 B-26's returned early; 2 were spares, 1 because of magneto failure in the right engine. The target was bombed successfully. 24 B-26's returned safely to this base.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 40° T for 32 statute miles to rendezvous with escort at 4,000' at Cape Sidi Ali el Mekki; 34° 30' T for 30 1/2 statute miles to Ventotene Island; 63° T for 35 statute miles to I.P., end of road at the coast midway between the Volturno River and Lago di Patri, climbing gradually to 10,500'; bomb run, 85° T for 13 statute miles at 10,000'; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left for 35 statute miles to Ventotene Island; 214° 30' T for 30 1/2 statute miles to Cape Sidi Ali el Mekki; 220° T for 32 statute miles to this base, dropping gradually to 3,000'.

Bombs: 108 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs (1/2 instantaneous, 1/2, 1/10 and 45 second delay fuse) carried by 27 B-26's.

12 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs returned to this base in planes that returned early.

88 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs dropped over the target area.

8 x 1,000 lb demolition bombs dropped on the town of Sparanise.

Chronology: Time off between 13:22 and 13:41; on course, 13:50; rendezvous 14:00 target, 15:40; down at this base between 17:35 and 17:57.

Results: 8/10 cloud coverage made accurate bomb damage assessment difficult, but one string landed across the tracks in the vicinity LM/15-16 (TC 3-159-NA). Some crews reported at least one string of bombs in the north central portion of the yards at M/17.

The bombs dropped on Sparanise scored direct hits in the center of that town.

Flak: 4 bursts of heavy flak from Ventotene Island, 1 burst of heavy flak through the clouds in the vicinity of Capua were seen.

Enemy Aircraft: (1) 25 ME 109's were seen over the target at 15:35 from 10,500'. These aircraft were first seen by our crews at the time of landfall, and E/A were seen in the vicinity of our formation on the bomb run and on the breakaway, continuing to the coast.

(2) 11 S/E A/C were seen on Capua A/D at 15:45 from 9,000'.

(3) 1 S/E A/C shot down by P-38's crashed and was seen burning just north of the mouth of the Volturno River at 15:55 from 8,000'.

(4) 15 S/E A/C at Grassanise Sattalite #1 A/D were observed at 15:37 from 10,500'.

(5) 6/7 S/E A/C on a new L/D just north of Volturno River at 41° 03' N, 13° 58' E were seen at 15:55 from 8,000'.

Enemy Aircraft Tactics: A few non-aggressive passes were made by E/A at our

Enemy Aircraft Tactics (Cont'd).

formation, but excellent escort kept most of E/A at a distance. 9 or 10 E/A flew back and forth in front of our formation out of range, apparently to distract the attention of our gunners, while other E/A attacked at 5 to 7 o'clock from below in threes in trail.

- Observations:
- (1) 50/60 trucks were sighted on the road just south of Villa Literno headed toward Naples at 15:37 from 10,500'.
 - (2) A passenger train of 6/7 cars moving south, at a point just south of the tunnel east of Mondragone, was seen at 15:55 from 8,000'.
 - (3) Smoke coming from the center of the town of Aversa was seen at 15:38 from 10,500'.
 - (4) 6 strings of cars at the sidings east of Albanova were seen at 15:40 from 10,000'.
 - (5) 2 medium M/V's were seen in the harbor at Ventotene Island at 15:20 from 9,500'.
 - (6) 15 small craft at the mouth of the Volturno River were seen at 15:55 from 8,000'.
 - (7) 1 small coaster 5 miles off Mondragone was seen at 15:59 from 8,000'.
 - (8) It was reported that seaplanes observed on other missions in Lago di Patri were no longer there. Observation at 15:35 from 10,500'.

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

Victories: 1 ME 109 probably destroyed; 1 ME 109 damaged.

Weather: Enroute, 3/10 cumulus Fractus at 5,000'; target, 8/10 cumulus up to 10,000' building vertically from 4,000'; return, alto cumulus at 4,000' off the Italian coast, clearing as African coast was approached.

Comments: P-38's provided excellent escort cover.

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LIST OF CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN RAID ON AVERSA MARSHALLING YARDS,
28 August 1943

CREW MEMBERS NAMES	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Montsinger, Pilot, 1st Lt. Milton, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Ozuk, Navigator, Captain Tackmann, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ellison, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st	176	c
		Took off: 1322 Landed at: 1748	
	Major Parsons flew as Flight Commander		
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt. Starno, Co-pilot, F/O Camp, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Gignac, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cromer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Corp, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	441st	191	c
		Took off: 1322/30 Landed at: 1748	
Kirley, Pilot, Captain	No Take-off.		
Horras, Pilot, Captain Belcher, Co-pilot, Captain McFarland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Malsbury, Navigator, Captain Fendrich, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Derau, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	595	c
		Took off: 1323/30 Landed at: 1748+	
	Lt. Col. Stintzi flew as Deputy Flight Commander		
Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain LaMoe, Co-pilot, F/O Vialle, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Karly, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.	441st	070	c
		Took off: 1324 Landed at: 1749	
	Captain Miller flew as Observer		
Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt. Condit, Co-pilot, F/O Morse, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Iannotta, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Juve, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	441st 441st	980	B
		Took off: 1325 Landed at: 1749+	
	S/Sgt. Pogue flew as Photographer		
Sims, Pilot, Captain Barrett, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Shryock, Navigator, 1st Lt. DeLisle, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Gardner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Petroski, Aerial Gunner, M/Sgt.	444th	904	c
		Took off: 1325/30 Landed at: 1751+	
	Captain McGrory flew as Observer		
Goodson, Pilot, 1st Lt. Jasinowsky, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Strong, Bombardier, T/Sgt. Porter, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Tucker, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Hansen, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	853	B
		Took off: 1326/30 Landed at: 1751+	

NAMES OF CREW	EMB.	SQUADRON	PLANE NO.	
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Caffey, Co-pilot, F/O Ramirez, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Smith, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Cross, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt. Snebold, Engineer Gunner, T/Sgt.		444th	147 Took off: 1327/30 Landed at: 1752	C
Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt. Beeves, 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	292 Took off: 1328 Landed at: 1752	B
Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt. Conley, Co-pilot, F/O Peterson, Bomb Nav, Sgt. Elossman, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Reynolds, Aerial Gunner, Sgt. Connelly, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.		444th	061 Took off: 1328/30 Landed at: 1752 ⁺	B
			Captain Lane flew as Observer	
English, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Meyer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Williams, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Proctor, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Ferrara, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Harrison, Aerial Gunner, Cpl.		444th	933 Took off: 1329/30 Landed at: 1752 ⁺	C
Roberts, Pilot, Captain Coff, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Butler, Bomb Nav , Captain O'Keefe, Navigator, Captain Ramirez, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Hansen, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Kerchenski, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		443rd	601 Took off: 1330/30 Landed at: 1753	B
			Captain Marble flew as Observer.	
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Palmer, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Janeke, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Cousins, Engineer Gunner, Pvt. Robichaux, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Brittan, Aerial Gunner, Pvt.		443rd	780 Took off: 1331 Landed at: 1753 ⁺	B
Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt. Sheard, Co-pilot, 1st Lt. Boswell, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt. Carter, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Bolton, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.		443rd	041 Took off: 1341/30 Landed at: 1758	B
Carter, Pilot, Captain, Gilbert, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Pace, Bomb Nav , 2nd Lt. Grove, Navigator, Captain Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Foulkes, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.		443rd	307 Took off: 1332 Landed at: 1754	B

NAMES OF CREW MEMBERS

Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Turner, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Leffler, Bomb Nav, Sgt.
 Watt, Engineer Gunner, Sgt.
 Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Schemp, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Long, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Hale, Co-pilot, F/O
 Homsher, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Harrold, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Aramo, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Bergamo, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Meyer, Pilot, Captain,
 Ingalls, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
 Fargo, Bomb Nav, T/Sgt.
 DeWitte, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Arsenault, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Long, Aerial Gunner, T/Sgt.

Thompson, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Himmelreich, Copilot, 1st Lt.
 Symons, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt.
 Burgess, Engineer Gunner, S/sgt.
 Moore, Radio Gunner, Cpl.
 Gunning, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Holmes, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Burrows, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Beatty, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
 Rogers, Navigator, Captain
 Walden, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Palmer, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Linco, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

Heimroth, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Smith, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt.
 Miller, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt.
 Mitchell, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Zehner, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Wornoff, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.

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.

LoVece, Pilot, 1st Lt.
 Baicum, Co-pilot, 1st Lt.
 Evans, Bomb Nav, 1st Lt.
 Branning, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt.
 Wright, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt.
 Brown, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.

SQUADRON

PLANE NO.

443rd 023
 Took off: 1333
 Landed at: 1754 B

Captain Laure (French) flew as
 Observer

443rd 798
 Took off: 1333/30
 Landed at: 1754 B

442nd 298
 Took off: 1334/30
 Landed at: 1756 B
 Major Gladden flew as Observer.

442nd 088
 Took off: 1335
 Landed at: 1455 B
 S/Sgt. Draper flew as Photographer

442nd 017
 Took off: 1336
 Landed at: 1756 B

442nd 283
 Took off: 1336/30
 Landed at: 1757 B
 Major McKean flew as Observer

442nd 958
 Took off: 1337
 Landed at: 1744 B
 Captain Orb flew as Observer

442nd 179
 Took off: 1338
 Landed at: 1735 e

Lt. Polk flew as Observer.

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Wegener, Pilot, 1st Lt. Dillon, Co-pilot, F/O Elair, Nav Bomb, 1st Lt. Levi, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Archer, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Wurst, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	441st	030 Took off: 1323 Landed at: 1748 ⁺	ⓐ
Miller, Pilot, 1st Lt. Bougher, Co-pilot, F/O Payton, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Folger, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Conlon, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Eden, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	442nd	074 Took off: 1339 Landed at: 1557	ⓑ
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt. Barker, Co-pilot, 2nd Lt. Mowry, Bomb Nav, S/Sgt. Smith, Engineer Gunner, Sgt. Wall, Radio Gunner, S/Sgt. Shepherd, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.	443rd	027 Took off: 1331/30 Landed at: 1753 ⁺	ⓑ
Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt. Kral, Co-pilot, F/O Robinson, Bomb Nav, 2nd Lt. Horne, Engineer Gunner, S/Sgt. Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/Sgt. Teeter, Aerial Gunner, S/Sgt.	444th	025 Took off: 1340 Landed at: 1756	ⓐ