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HEADQUARTERS 320TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
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Intelligence Narrative No. 69, Day Operation, 5 ^{Sept.} ~~August~~, 1943.

Thirty-eight B-26's of the 320th Bombardment Group (M) took off this morning to bomb Grazzanise Satellite No. 1 L/G, Italy. They accompanied the 17th and 319th Bombardment Groups, and were escorted by P-38's of the 1st and 14th Fighter Groups. Seven B-26's returned early; 1 because of interphone failure, 1 because of a ripped cowling, 1 because of a gas leak, 1 because of tail and turret gunsight failure, 1 because of magneto failure, 1 because of turret failure, 1 because of engine trouble. Twenty-nine B-26's returned safely to this base on schedule, 1 returned late after stopping at Termini A/D, Sicily for fuel, and 1 B-26 is at Sicily, having landed there safely due to mechanical difficulties.

Routes and Altitudes: To target: 40° T for 30 statute miles, after rendezvous at Djediada with 17th and 319th Groups, to Cape Sidi Ali el Mirdi for rendezvous with escort at 4000; 37° T for 330 statute miles to IP, mouth of Volturno River, climbing gradually to 11000; bomb run 43° T for 6 statute miles at 10000; breakaway left.

From target: Curve left to coast just north of Mondragone for 15 statute miles; 250° T for 370 statute miles direct to this base, dropping gradually to 3000.

Bombs: 310 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, 1/10, 45 second delay fuse, carried by 31 B-26's, AND
840 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs carried by 7 B-26's.
60 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, AND
120 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs returned to this base by B-26's that returned early.
214 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, AND
718 x 20-lb. fragmentation bombs dropped over the target.
12 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, AND
1 x 20-lb. fragmentation bomb salvaged after leaving the target area.
24 x 300-lb. demolition bombs, AND
1 x 20-lb. fragmentation bomb returned to this base, 4 x 300-lb. and 1 x 20-lb. bombs having hung up, and 20 x 300-lb. bombs having not been dropped because bomb bay doors failed to open in time.

Chronology: Time off between 1031 and 1050; rendezvous with 17th and 319th Groups and on course 1110; rendezvous with escort and on course 1120; target 1303; 29 B-26's down at this base between 1522 and 1530; 1 B-26 down at this base at 1645.

Results: Demolition bomb bursts fell across the target L/G and in three

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strings running generally southsouthwest to north northeast at Q/15 and R/14 (T.C. GP-16), resulting in numerous hits on runways and adjacent areas. Fragmentation bombs covered the southeast dispersal area. The area northwest of the L/G was pockmarked with bomb craters.

Bombs of one plane dropped after the breakaway from the target landed on the railroad north of the tunnel at $41^{\circ}11' N, 13^{\circ} 53' E$.

Flak: Slight, inaccurate heavy flak was encountered on the bomb run from landfall to the target.

15/20 bursts of heavy inaccurate flak were seen fired from the northwest tip of Ischia Island prior to the bomb run.

The following heavy gun positions were reported:

- 1) A battery at each end of M/V at Cavello.
- 2) 4 guns at $41^{\circ} 03' N, 13^{\circ} 58' E$.
- 3) 1 gun at $40^{\circ} 50' N, 14^{\circ} 14' E$.

Enemy aircraft: 11/14 S/E E/A were seen but not encountered in the vicinity of the target to the right and behind the formation at 1501 from 11000. The escort intercepted these E/A, and a dogfight between them was seen to the rear of the formation.

2) One T/E E/A heading south at 4000 was seen 2 miles offshore from Castel Vestrano, at 1301 from 11000.

3) At 1309 from 10000, 9/10 twin-engined brown colored E/A were sighted on the deck near the coast heading west. Two tan-colored P-38's were sighted following this E/A formation traveling the same direction at the same altitude.

4) One crew member reported that an A/C was seen hit the water 10 miles off the Italian coast at 1312 from 10000.

5) 9/15 A/C were seen on the S/E corner of the target L/G at 1303 from 10000.

Friendly aircraft: 1) At 1400 a radio call was heard from friendly bomber stating that gas was being lost and that it would be necessary to fly on one engine only.

2) At 1245 from 11000 one B-26 of another Group was seen to emit black smoke from both engines, fall out of formation, reverse its course, and head toward Africa on the deck. When last seen A/C was no longer smoking.

Enemy Shipping: 1) 2 large white transports with promenade decks, 2 other vessels, one of which was in dry dock and approximately 15 small boats were seen in the harbor at Gaeta at 1309 from 10000.

2) Five small boats resembling MAS, cruising in the bay at Torio, Ischia Island, were observed at 1258 from 11000.

3) One small boat heading south 3 or 4 miles south of the mouth of the Volturno River was seen at 1301 from 11000. This vessel reportedly fired several light shells at our formation.

4) Two medium, 3 small M/V's were seen in the bay at Pozzuoli at 1300 from 11000.

5) Two large white and 2 medium M/V's were sighted in the harbor at Naples, at 1300 from 11000.

General Observations: 1) A large column of smoke was seen at 41° 08' N, 15° 54' E (along the coastal road north of Mondragone) at 1309 from 10000.

2) No activity was seen on railroads or highways, but 30/40 trucks were observed parked off the side of the highway four miles southeast of Sparanise at 1305 from 10000.

Our losses: None. No planes damaged.

Weather: En route clear except for a heavy front moving north to south 125 miles on course from the African coast; target 4/10 cloud cover with a front immediately inland from target building vertically from 2000 to 12000; return as en route.

Comments: Escort provided excellent cover.

Note: In Intelligence Narrative No. 64, Day Operation, 21 August 1943, under Casualties, Engineer Gunner Sgt. Martin T. Carson's name was misspelled. The correct spelling is Carsen.

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MISSION NO.

FLIGHT COMMANDER - MAJ. ~~ROSS~~
DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER - MAJ. ~~FULLDAY~~

5 September 1943

<u>"A"</u>			ORDER OF LINEUP			
<u>LIMBERG</u>	<u>ROSS</u>	<u>DAVIS</u>	<u>RUNWAY NO. 1</u>		<u>RUNWAY NO. 2</u>	
<u>958</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>859</u>	Ross	283	Barber 328	Davis 859
<u>GARRAHER</u>	<u>HEIMROTH</u>	<u>BAYRAMIAN</u>	Limberg	958		Heimroth 596
<u>056</u>	<u>596</u>	<u>987</u>	Bayramian	987		Carraher 056
----- <u>"B"</u> -----			Montsinger	176		Koontz 031
<u>HAYWARD</u>	<u>MONTSINGER</u>	<u>KOONTZ</u>	Hayward	896		Horras 960
<u>896</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>031</u>	Wegener	030		Kennedy 100
----- <u>"C"</u> -----			Meyer	999		Baird 048
<u>KENNEDY</u>	<u>HORRAS</u>	<u>WEGENER</u>	Church	017		Karlowitz 189
<u>100</u>	<u>960</u>	<u>030</u>	Hoy	051		McGlannan 036
----- <u>"D"</u> -----			Dieter	147		Coulter 920
<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MEYER</u>	<u>BAIRD</u>	Weinberg	190		Urner 292
<u>017</u>	<u>999</u>	<u>048</u> 074	Wothington	013		Meyer 933
----- <u>"E"</u> -----			Hallowell	861		Peterson 927
<u>MCGLANNAN</u>	<u>KARLOWITZ</u>	<u>HOY</u>	Stumm	045		Tresch 601
<u>036</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>051</u>	Calhoun	900		Swigart 190
----- <u>"F"</u> -----			Carter	922		Wilbur 842
<u>WEINBERG</u>	<u>DIETER</u>	<u>COULTER</u>	Bigelow	023		Brewer 144
<u>190</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>920</u>	Baker	010		Bracken 894
----- <u>"G"</u> -----			Burns	260		Himmelreich 088
<u>MEYER</u>	<u>URNER</u>	<u>WORTHINGTON</u>				Blake 191
<u>933</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>013</u>	----- <u>"H"</u> -----			
----- <u>"I"</u> -----			<u>STUMM</u>	<u>HALLOWELL</u>	<u>PETERSON</u>	
<u>045</u>	<u>861</u>	<u>927</u>	<u>SWIGART</u>	<u>TRESCH</u>	<u>CALHOUN</u>	
<u>190</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>900</u>	----- <u>"J"</u> -----			
----- <u>"K"</u> -----			<u>BIGELOW</u>	<u>CARTER</u>	<u>WILBUR</u>	
<u>023</u>	<u>922</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>BRACKEN</u>	<u>BREWER</u>	<u>BAKER</u>	
<u>894</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>010</u>	----- <u>SPARES</u> -----			
<u>BLAKE</u>	<u>HIMMELREICH</u>	<u>BURNS</u>	<u>BARBER</u>			
<u>191</u>	<u>088</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>328(N)</u>			

COLORS OF THE DAY

B-TIME	2-STAR	LETTER CHALLENGE	LETTER REPLY	LETTER COLOR
0200-0800	GG	B	H	GREEN
0800-1400	HY	F	Q	WHITE
1400-2000	RR	Z	L	GREEN
2000-2400	GY	D	Y	RED

RADIO:

CHANNEL "A"

320th Group - BUGGY
1st. Group - LACEWORK17th Group - BOOKCLUB
319th Group - SENILE

THE FOLLOWING CREWS PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID ON GRAZZANIA A/D. Italy. Sept, 1953

NAMES OF THE CREWS	SQUADRON	PLANE NOX.	
✓ Ross, Pilot, Captain, DeFan, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Thranhardt, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Moran, Navigator, 2nd Lt. Gandy, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hageman, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Bauchanan, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.	1-500 442nd	283,	Took off 1031 Landed 1508
		Major, Marbel , F/ U.	
✓ Davis, Pilot, 1st Lt. Young, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt. Ablen, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Dunn, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Hogan, Radio Gunner, Sgt. Covert, Gunner, Sgt. Maj. McKeen, Observer.	0-40 442nd	859	took off 1031½ Landed 1059
✓ Limberg, Pilot, 1st Lt. James, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Stakes, Bombardier, S/sgt. Cerchiaro, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Kennedy, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Legutko, Aerial gunner, Sgt.	1-500 442nd	958	Took off 1032 Landed 1508
✓ Heimroth, Pilot, Captain, Smith, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Miller, Bombardier, 2nd Lt. Schwartz, Navigator, 1st Lt. Mitchell, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Street, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Wornoff, Aerial gunner, S/sgt. McKensey, X. Colonel.	1-500 442nd	179	took off 1032½ Landed 1509
✓ Bayramian, Pilot, 1st Lt.	1:50 442nd	978	Took off 1033 Landed
			Engine cutting out.
✓ Carraher, Pilot, 1st Lt. Freeman, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Ciesielski, Bombardier, S/sgt. Hall, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt. Schaus, Radio Gunner, Sgt. #loeckner, aerial gunner, S/sgt.	1-505 442nd	056	Took off 1033½ Landed 1509½
✓ Montsinger, 1st Lt. Pilot, Milton, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt. Tapp, Bombardier, 1st Lt. Blair, Navigator, 1st Lt. Tackmann, Engineer gunner, S/sgt. Tomlinson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt. Ellison, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.	441st	176	took off 1034 Landed 1505

Plane No.

✓ Koontz, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 441st	031 Took off 1034½	
Currie, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Landed 1053	Ⓢ
Berdaus, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Lidicker, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Rapport Apgar, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Herbert, Aerial gunner, Sgt.		
✓ Hayward, Pilot, 1st Lt. 441st	896 1035	Ⓢ
Oltman, Co, Pilot, F/O,	Landed 1506	
Temple, Bombardier, T/sgt.		
Rapport Pope, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Appelton, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.		
Boals, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
✓ Horras, Pilot, Captain, 441st	960 Took off 1035½	Ⓢ
Balcher, Co, Pilot, Major,	Landed 1506½	
McFarland, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Fendrich, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
DeMarco, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Derau, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
✓ Wegener, Pilot, Lt. 441st	030 Took off 1036	Ⓢ
Dillon, co, Pilot, Lt.	Landed 1505½	
Konvalinka, Bombardier,		
Levi, Engineer gunner, Sgt.		
Archer, Radio Gunner,		
McFarland, Aerial gunner,		
✓ Kennedy, Pilot, Lt. 441st	100 took off 1036½	Ⓢ
Miller, aptain, Co, Pilot,	Landed 1507	
Vialle, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Baldon, Engineer gunner, S/Sgt.		
Taylor, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Miller, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
✓ Meyer, Pilot, captain, 1-505 442nd	999 Took off 1037	Ⓢ
Ingalls, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.	Landed 1507	
Fargo, Bombardier, T/sgt.		
Leahy, Navigator, 1st Lt.		
Dewitte, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Arsenault Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Long, Aerial gunner, T/sgt.		
✓ Baird, Pilot, 2nd Lt. 1-505 442nd	074 Took off 1037½	Ⓢ
Byram, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Landed 1511 1513	
Walker, Bombardier, S/sgt.		
Gomez, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Trupka, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Baronet, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		
✓ Church, Pilot, 1st Lt. 1-510 442nd	017 took off 1038	Ⓢ
Dryer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	Landed at 1513½	
Hermann, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		
Madrid, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.		
Swartz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.		
Levesque, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.		

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✓ Karlowitz, Pilot, Captain	441st	189 Took off 1038	
La Moe, Co, Pilot, F/O		Landed 1514	B
Allen, Bombardier, Lt.			
Geever, Navigator, Lt.			
Smith, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Cofiell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Kary, Aerial Gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Hoy, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	051 Took off	B
THIS SHIP DID NOT TAKE OFF.			
✓ McClannon, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	036 Took off 1038½	
Crotty, Pilot, Lt.		Landed 1514½	B
Blackford, Bombardier, Sgt.			
Bloom, Engineer gunner, Pvt.			
Rogers, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
McLaughlin, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Deiter, Pilot, Captain,	444th	147 Took off 1039½	
Wash, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Landed 1511	C
✓ Ridge, Navigator, 1st Lt.	5:00		
✓ Dittmar, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			
✓ Sims, Observer, Major,			
✓ Greear, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Collins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Aul, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Coulter, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	920 took off 1040	
✓ Conley, Co, Pilot, F/O		Landed 1511½	C
✓ Peterson, Bombardier, Sgt.	5:00		
✓ Connelly, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Blossman, Engineer gunner, Cpl.			
✓ Reynolds, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Weinberg, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	190 took off 1040½	
✓ Nagel, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1511½	B
✓ Breeding, Bombardier, S/sgt.	5:00		
✓ Kuhne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Brown, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Long, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
✓ Urner, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	292 Took off 1041	
✓ Reeves, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1511½	B
✓ Miller, NB. 2nd Lt.	5:00		
✓ Vaughan, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Stoerkel, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Moraghan, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Worthington, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	013 took off 1041½	
✓ Kral, Co, Pilot, F/O.		Landed 1512.	B
✓ Robinson, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.	5:00		
✓ Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Sewell, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Teeter, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

✓ Meyer, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	444th	933 took off 1042	
✓ English, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1512.	C
✓ Ferraro, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
✓ Proctor, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Hurt, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Hallowell, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	861 Took off 1042.	
✓ Backhout, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed at. 1103.	B
✓ Brown, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			
✓ Etzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Lenz, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Hausner, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
✓ Peterson, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	927 took off 1043.	
✓ Lumpkin, Co Co, pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1300.	C
✓ Morocco, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
✓ Janise, Engineer gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Higgins, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Keiffer, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Stumm, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	045	
✓ Petters, Co, Pilot, F/O.		Took off 1043.	B
✓ Bush, Bombardier, Sgt.		Landed at. 1300	
✓ Frenzel, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Friedman, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Noe, Aerial gunner, Cpl.			
✓ Tresch, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	601 Took off 1044	B
✓ Sheard, Co, Pilot, 1st Lt.		Landed 1513	
✓ Boswell, NB.			
✓ Carter, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Doolittle, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Shephard, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Calhoun, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	900	
✓ Space, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Took off 1045	C
✓ Thompson, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1508½	
✓ Bowles, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Martin, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Guzzio, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Swigart, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	190 took off	
		did Not take off.	
✓ Carter, Captain, Pilot,	443rd	922	
✓ Collins, Co, Pilot, F/O,		Took off 1046	C
✓ Pace, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1521	
✓ Cafarella, Navigator, 2nd Lt.			
✓ Smith, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
✓ Hunter, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
✓ Foulkes, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Wilbur, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	842 took off 1045½	B
✓ Smithwick, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1300	
✓ Kimbro, Bombardier, Sgt.			
✓ Perkins, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
✓ Hart, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

Bigelow, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	023, Took off 1047	B
Turner, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1600	
Hobel, Navigator, Bombardier,			
Watt, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Chavez, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Schempp, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
Waltman, Photographer, T/sgt.			
1-5:30			
Brewer, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	144 Took off 1047½	C
Pearce, Co, Pilot, F/O,		Landed at. 1521	
Chambers, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
Belsma, Observer, Captain,			
Williams, Engineer gunner, Sgt.			
Yost, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Lumberg, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
1-5:15			
Baker, Pilot, 2nd Lt.	443rd	010 Took off 1048	B
Palmer, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1522	
Quine, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
Cousins, Engineer gunner, Pvt.			
Burden, Radio Gunner, Pfc.			
Britton, Aerial gunner, Pfc.			
1-5:00			
Bracken, Pilot, 1st Lt.	443rd	894 took off 1048	B
Saylor, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed sicily	
Tidwell, Bombardier, 2nd Lt.			
Wall, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Johnson, Radio Gunner, S/sgt.			
Carr, Aerial gunner, Sgt.			
1-6:30			
Himmelreich, Pilot, 1st Lt.	442nd	088 Took off 1049,	B
Shuh, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.		Landed 1530.	
Symons, Bombardier, S/sgt.			
Horne, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
Moore, Radio Gunner, cpl.			
Turner, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
1-5:10			
Blake, Pilot, 1st Lt.	441st	191	C
Arno Co, Pilot, F/O.		Took off 1050½	
Camp, Bombardier, S/sgt.		Landed 1506.	
Gignau, Engineer gunner, S/sgt.			
McDonough, Radio gunner, S/sgt.			
Corp, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			
5:00			
Burns, Pilot, 1st Lt.	444th	260 took off 1049,	B
Caffey, Co, Pilot, F/O,		Landed 1509,	
Snebold, Bombardier T/Sgt. Engineer gunner,			
Smith, Radio Gunner, T/sgt.			
Ramirez, Bombardier, Sgt.			
Grass, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.			

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- ✓ Barber, Pilot, 1st Lt. 443rd
- ✓ Beaduro, Co, Pilot, 2nd Lt.
- ✓ Karidis, Bombardier, 1st Lt.
- ✓ Hanson, Engineer gunner, pfc.
- ✓ Krumpoch, Radio gunner, T/sgt.
- ✓ Dross, Aerial gunner, S/sgt.

328 took off 1056
 Landed 1515 B